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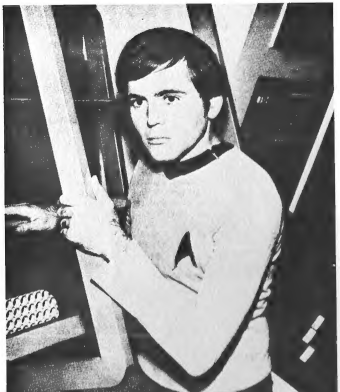

Walter Koenig

Our guest of honor will be Walter Koenig!! He will be giving an informal talk and will be discussing various aspects of "The TV Show That Refuses To Die". This will be followed by a question and answer period. Here is your chance to really get to know "Mr. Chekov", for he will be there three full days -- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

FIRST TIME EVER, TWO CONS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

We are proud to announce the biggest single fan project ever before attempted -- STAR TREK '74 and HOUSTONCON '74.

G.B. Love (chairman of STAR TREK 74) and Earl Blair (chairman of HOUSTONCON 74) are working together to bring you what may be the biggest single fan gathering ever seen. Last year Houstoncon, alone, drew nearly 2,000 people, which was by far the biggest such gathering ever to take place in the Southwest. And this year, with two complete conventions being held at the same time and place, the total attendence may be almost unbelievable. Can you afford to miss such an event?

If you're a nostalgia fan (comic books, Big Little Books, old movies, serials, B-westerns, etc), then HOUSTONCON 74 is your cup of tea. If you're a Star Trek and science fiction movie fan, then STAR TREK 74 is where it's at. But you do not have to choose between the two, because you can attend both conventions (which are being held in the same hotel on the same dates) and one regular-priced ticket will get you into both cons. You can find more information on HOUSTONCON elsewhere in this issue, but now let me tell you a little about STAR TREK '74.

We will have two rooms at our disposal--"The Vulcan Outpost" and "The Transporter Room." The Vulcan Outpost will contain our art display (among other things, a large collection of the astronomical paintings of famed artist Morris Scott Dollens), a large Star Trek display, and our dealers tables. The Transporter room is where we will be showing our films and a giant narrated Star Trek slide show (over 500 slides will be screened). We will be presenting a film program guaranteed to please any Star Trek fan, including at least 8 complete Star Trek tv shows (in color, of course), plus the fantastically funny blooper film. We will be screening at least 7 science fiction movie classics, including: "THE TIME MACHINE", "FORBIDDEN PLANET", "1984", "THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL", "INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS", "EARTH VS. THE FLYING SAUCERS", and "WAR OF THE WORLDS".

Tickets for STAR TREK '74 are $7.50 in advance or $10.00 at the door, for all four days. And remember, this one ticket gets you into both conventions. Dealers tables in "The Vulcan Outpost" are $15.00 in advance or $20.00 at the door. We only have a limited number of tables so be sure and order yours in advance. Send all ticket and table orders to: STAR TREK 74, c/o Earl Blair, 2511 Pennington St., Houston, Texas 77016

CONVENTION SITE: STAR TREK '74 (and HOUSTONCON '74) will be held at the beautiful Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in the heart of Houston. Room rates are: Single $21.00, Double $26.00, Triple $29.00. Again, it is very advisable to make your room reservation in advance! To make your reservation just write to STAR TREK '74 at the above address and we'll make it for you.

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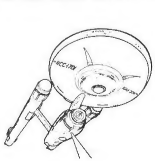
COSTUME CONTEST: STAR TREK '74 and HOUSTONCON '74 will have a combined gala costume contest with a first prize of $100.00 in cash!! So let's get busy and make sure that Star Trek is well represented in it.



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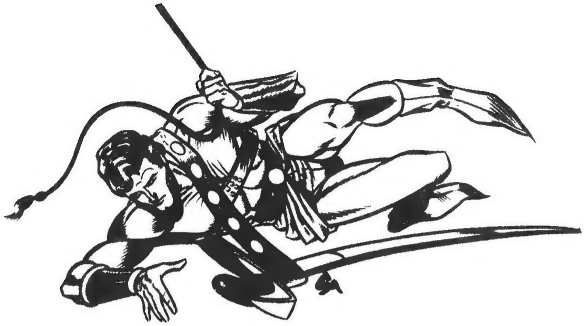

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FOR MUCH TOO LONG, THESE GOLDEN AGE ISSUES & STORIES HAVE BEEN THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF ONLY A FEW FANS. NOT MANY CAN AFFORD THE ORIGINALS AT THE HUNDRED DOLLAR PRICES OF TODAY. BUT THESE QUALITY REPRINTS ARE THE NEXT BEST THING.

At last, complete reprints of some of the most expensive and sought after golden age comics of all time. Each comic is printed complete (minus some ads) with fine black & white half tone reproduction, and with full color covers (like the original comics!). And at only $3.00 per copy. That's right, reprints of comics that sell for $100 to $1000 (and more) for only $3 each. Important: WE will ship all copies in heavy cardboard "stay-flat" mailers, at no additional cost to you! The SPCA will be stocking all the golden age reprints. By ordering your copies from us, you not only assured of receiving your copies in the best possible condition, but it is also a way of showing your appreciation and support of the RBCC. If you want your books mailed first class, add $1 extra per copy. We are now accepting orders on the following titles, listed below. We will be adding more titles, so also check this ad in each RBCC. Send your order to: THE S.F.C.A. 9875 S.W. 212 ST. MIAMI, FLA. 33157

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This is the first issue of the original Daredevil comic.

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This issue features the first appearence of 5 heroes--Airboy, Skywolf, The Iron Ace, Black Angel, & The Flying Dutchman.

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With the 2nd issue of this comic the title was changed to Hangman, so this is really Hangman #1.

ALL STAR COMICS #4
Featuring The Justice Of America.
Available Jan. 20th.

MILITARY COMICS #1
Featuring the origin of Blackhawk.
Available Jan. 20th.

WHIZ #1
Contains the origin and first appearence of Capt. Marvel, Ibis, Spy Smasher, Golden Arrow.

CAPTAIN MARVEL #1
This, perhaps the most sought after Fawcett first issue, has a full color back cover as well as front and the interiors are drawn entirely by Jack Kirby!

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Great cover and interiors all by Jack Cole. Four Plastic Man stories! Another excellent Quality Comic.

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This 1939 comic is 96 pages long and features Superman by Siegel & Shuster, The Sandman and Zatara the Magician.

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A Timely Golden Ager that has the origin of Major Liberty. It also features The Whizzer, The Defender, Jack Frost, and The Young Avenger, plus Rockman by Wolverton.

SPECIAL EDITION COMICS #1
This one shot featured Capt. Marvel and was, in fact, published before Capt. Marvel #1. Valued at well over $200.

PEP COMICS #1
Features the origins of The Shield and The Comet. Available Jan. 20th.

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Another rare Timely comic featuring the origin of The Young Allies.
Available Jan. 20th.

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Features the origin of The Justice Society of America.

POLICE #1
Featuring the origins of Plastic Man, The Human Bomb, and Firebrand (by Crandall).

★THE COMPLETE ISSUE!
★FULL COLOR COVER!

EDITOR'S NOTES: AS MOST OF YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW, EARL BLAIR & I ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO GIVE FANDOM ANOTHER FIRST -- A DOUBLE CONVENTION -- "HOUSTONCON '74" AND "STAR TREK '74". WE ARE REALLY GOING ALL OUT TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST EVENT EVER PUT ON, AND I HOPE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE CAN MAKE IT DOWN TO HOUSTON. I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WON'T BE SORRY.
ON ANOTHER NOTE, THE REPRINTS OF POLICE #1, ALL STAR #3 AND WHIZ #1 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SFCA.

Dear G.B.,
I wish to compliment you on the excellent job you did on the cover of issue #107. I say this not because I did the cover, but because of the beautiful color job your department did. Your color artist made an otherwise dull black and white drawing into an exciting presentation.
I have followed your fine magazine for some time and have found it to be full of exciting articles and top notch artwork, especially work by Newton and Jim Jones.
Tom and I certainly plan to send you more material in the future. We consider it a pleasure doing work for guys who love the golden oldies as much as we do. Keep up the good work.

Ed Vance
Colonial Hts., Va.

EDITOR: THANKS FOR THE COMMENTS ED AND AS YOU KNOW BY NOW, THE COLOR WORK ON YOUR COVER WAS DONE BY ANDY WARNER. IT IS ALSO AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THAT COVER WAS DONE BY C.C. BECK, AND I AM TALKING ABOUT SOME REAL ART EXPERTS. I LOOK FOWARD TO SEEING MORE OF YOUR WORK IN THE FUTURE.

Dear G.B.,
Relative to Fredric Wertham's letter in RBCC #108, I have a couple of comments. And I hope that they are no less generous in spirit than was his tolerance of my review of his book THE WORLD OF FANZINES.
All reviews are, of course, corrigible. Perhaps, indeed, I was unfair to Dr. Wertham when I implied that his grasp of modern art was somewhat infirm. Still, I would be willing to stand by my original statement. I am not, however, ready to defend his reconstruction of my words. I did not say that he knows "little about modern art" and merely uses the name of Kurt Schwitters. Rather, I wrote: "My own impression is that the author knows as little about modern art as it is possible to know and still use the name 'Kurt Schwitters' to describe the cover of SOL 42." The very fact that he selected the name of that Hanoverian avant-gardist reveals a certain level of sophistication. That much my statement grants. Moreover, I reinforced it in the caricature he enjoyed where I included on the bookcase a folio entitled Die Neue Sachlichkeit.
Whatever the case, "my own impression" of Wertham's knowledge of modern art was drawn from the contents of the book itself. His private art collection, with its miscellany of notable moderns, suggests (though it doesn't prove) that my inference was at odds with the facts. But I am not persuaded that it was an unreasonable inference.

John Adkins Richardson
802 W. High St.
Edwardsville, Ill. 62025

Dear G.B.,
I can't begin to tell you what an excellent response my FEM FANTASTIQUE ad got from its RBCC exposure! Let me just say that December was the biggest month of sales since we started PARAGON 4 years ago! Of course, some of the credit goes to our ad in THE JOURNAL, which did well. But far and large the credit goes to the good old RBCC. I shall try to maintain a full page ad in each issue.
Your new format for the RBCC (articles in the first half and ads in the second half) is excellent. Keep it going. Covers are fantastic. My ads and art couldn't have reproduced better. You'll never get that quality in a "newsprint tabloid" adzine.
Sorry to hear about Ray Miller leaving Information Center. That column will be sorely missed --I don't know who you could get to take Ray's place. Not many fans have his expertise in the field of comics....if any.

Bill Black
1515 Bowman Dr
Tallahassee, Fla. 32303

EDITOR: WE WERE INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE DON ROSA TAKE OVER RAY'S OLD COLUMN, AND WHAT AN EXCELLENT JOB HE IS DOING. AND WE WERE JUST AS FORTUNATE THAT RAY DECIDED TO STICK WITH US AND START A WHOLE NEW SERIES. NEVER A DULL MOMENT AROUND HERE.

Dear G.B.,
I have been reading your great fanzine for around a year now and I plan to keep on reading it. I read INSIDE COMIX and I have to say that Joe Brancatelli must have a mad on Roy Thomas. Joe seems to be very one-sided against Roy and I cannot see why. Mr. Thomas is not the reason Marvel isn't putting out the comics that they should. Why did Joe leave Roy out of his list for the ten most powerful men in the comics? After reading two installments of Inside Comics I feel Joe might be hurting fandom more than helping it.
I hope that I am wrong in my viewpoint about Joe and if I am I am sorry, but I do wish Joe and Roy would both stop breathing fire at each other and do their jobs.
In closing, G.B., what do you think of I.C.?

Steve Conner
139 Patti Ct.
Florence, Ky.

EDITOR: WHILE I DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT APPEARS IN "INSIDE COMIX", I DO FEEL THAT I.C. IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS EVER DONE IN FANDOM.

FANTASTIC EXPLOITS
NUMBER 22

WILLIAMSON

SKULL of the SORCERER
ALL HALLOWS' EVE—HALLOWEEN—THE NIGHT WHEN WITCHES AND EVERY STRANGE SORCERER RISES FROM THE CLAMMY VAULTS OF THE UNDEAD! BUT TONIGHT ALL EERIE HALLOWEEN TALES OF THRILLS MORE SPINE-TINGLING THAN THE STORY OF THE SORCERER'S SKULL!

FANTASTIC EXPLOITS #22 features 6 complete strips by Al Williamson!!! "DEATH IN DEEP SPACE" "THE INVASION FROM THE ABYSS", "LAND OF THE LIVING DEAD", "MENACE FROM THE STARS", "SKULL OF THE SORCERER", and "UPHEAVAL". Wrap around cover from an original unpublished painting by famed sf artist Morris Scott Dollens, printed in blue ink--the color of the painting. 44 pages in all. The comics these strips are from sell for about $50.00 but the price of this FANTASTIC EXPLOITS is only $1.25. Add 40¢ extra if you desire your copy via 1st Class. Quantity rates upon request. The SPCA, 9875 SW 212 ST., MIAMI, FLA. 33157

NOSTALGIA, WHAT IS THAT?

BY ALEX MCFEE

There is the weirdest mental aberration that has been going strong since around 1965, that regards anything created before last week as "Nostalgia", and if listened to, watched or read, condemns the listener, watcher or reader to a twilight world dubbed "escapist".

This is exactly the same as saying to visit an art museum, or any museum, is to "wallow" in the nostalgia of past centuries, rather than to witness something, perhaps just one thing out of it all, that is important to your soul. Important to your understanding of what is happening on this planet, and in societies that are speeding faster and faster each day past just about anything, lumping ALL together as "past", and therefore meaningless.

While speeding with the speedsters, it can all sound pretty solid, but sit out the race for awhile, and it shows itself as the mad psychosis it is.

What is good is good is good. It doesn't matter whether it was made in 1916 or 1942 or 1955. And to discover that simple fact is to discover a treasure house of beautiful, good creations, being totally ignored.

Ignored by the medium of radio, that could be playing many hundreds of great radio shows from 1930 to 1960, as well as records of all types of music from that period and earlier, that are never played. What a variety of experience could be had on radio! A medium with a signal that can reach where no TV signal can. That could fill the millions of hours spent in cars with so much more than the dreary schedule of Top 40 repetition, 24 hour news repetition, the anesthetized, nausea inducing sounds they sometimes call "muzak" or "good" music, or talk shows that only occasionally hold any interest between inane arguments and rubber stamp statements. When there are radio shows and records that contain the talents and genius of nearly every star of stage, screen, etc., during the first 50 years of this century. All this! Why is it ignored?

This weird mentality is shown so starkly by comparing TV to radio. TV can show a 1940 movie, and introduce it, if at all, by saying, "Tonight's movie is...", and that's it!

But if radio happens to squeeze in one hour a week to play a radio show done in 1940, they give it this big "Nostalgia" bit. "Going back" to the "Golden days" of radio, "shed a tear and wallow in the good old memories", etc. What if I don't want to wallow in any memories? What if I just want to hear a wonderfully done story? What if the show was done before I had any memories? Presenting the shows this way is a way of ridiculing them and you for listening to them.

Another aspect of this is the movies (and early TV shows) that they don't show on TV. Most that come to mind were a series, and were also done as radio series, and were also strips in daily papers or were comic books. So far reaching, to all ages, in so many mediums, yet the films have disappeared from the tube, or were never shown possibly. Series such as Charlie Chan, Blondie, Lum and Abner, Dr. Christian, The Saint, The Shadow, and the westerns such as Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry & Smiley Burnette, Roy Rogers, Red Ryder, The Durango Kid, and many others, as well as the serials, so many of which were from the comics, strips or radio. The early TV shows like Sky King, Superman, The Lone Ranger, Boston Blackie, Dick Tracy, Sgt. Preston of the Yukon, Mr. & Mrs. North, Burns and Allen, Jack Benny and so on. When they can show a horrible, really lousy 1963 Science Fiction bomb, that looks like it was done with a Brownie 8mm and a $23 cassette recorder, and re-show it about twice a month every month for two years, and show equally terrible fare as often, over and over again, why are so many movies and shows, with still well known and well loved characters, ignored?

When I point out "well known", I can point to Dick Tracy, Blondie, Superman, because they are still currently in daily strips or comics. But about "well loved", here's a case in point.

Now, Red Ryder disappeared from comics sometime in the early '50's, from newspaper strips earlier than that, I believe, and his best known movie series, with either Bill Elliott or Allen Lane as Red, and Bobby Blake as Beaver, ended about 1948. They probably played theatres into the early '50's, possibly TV then. But for the past 15 to 18 years, Red Ryder has ceased to exist...tangibly, that is.

Bobby Blake is now Robert Blake, co-star of "In Cold Blood" and other recent films. He was on Johnny Carson's Tonight show sometime in late '72, and on the same show was Sgt. Joseph Wambaugh, of the Los Angeles Police Dept., and the author of the best-seller "The New Centurians". Robert had been talking about his many run-ins with the police in his younger years, and when Sgt. Wambaugh came out, he asked him if he recalled a certain night in (about) 1961, when two officers approached him (Robert Blake) and a friend seated in a car outside a studio. The Sgt. was under orders to be vigilant with the slightest suspicion in this particular neighborhood due to the high crime rate at this time. Robert showed his ID, and said he was an actor who had just left the studio, and Wambaugh's fellow officer was still ready to frisk them and search their car. But, related Wambaugh, he had seen Robert's name, and it had hit him immediately that this was "Little Beaver", THE Little Beaver who, not a SGT., but a child had seen as Red's sidekick many a Saturday afternoon. Back in the police car, with his fellow officer urging him to search, all he blurted out was, "Listen, while I'm on this beat, no one's going to bust Little Beaver", or words very similar.

Leaving aside the word "Nostalgia" for a moment, let's just say with pre-mental-aberration simplicity, that this shows the caring attitude these movies/radio shows/comic characters, could and do elicit. All these were loved, were important, were fully engrossing and fulfilling to millions of children and adults. My mother and father read the comic strips as much as I did at 6 years old. And adults listened to The Shadow, The Green Hornet, and The Lone Ranger. There were shows aimed very definitely at children by the drift of their commercials..."HEY KIDS...wouldn't you like to fly one of those great...". But do you think mom wasn't listening from the kitchen to the romance of the Cisco Kid, the heroics of Tom Mix, or the peril of Sgt. Preston? And I sure remember the first TV in the family, surrounded by all the relatives, from Grandma to the youngest on Sunday, all watching Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, or Hopalong.

And some of my greatest moments before the set, were seeing cartoons made before I was born. Such as Felix the Cat, made in the '20's by his creator

Pat Sullivan, with old-timey music added for TV (much as it was played in the theatres then). Except it wasn't even "Old-Timey" to me then, 9 or 10 or 11 years old, watching the noontimecartoon-and-old-silent-and-early-sound-shorts-TV show. It was just good, and unique, and one-of-a-kind. There was Koko the clown, Farmer Alfalfa, Laurel & Hardy, Charlie Chase, The Tons of Fun, and on and on. It was a whole history lesson of early cinema, and it didn't hurt a bit because no one was killing it by giving it airs it didn't need. To me it was, and is, timeless, because it's good.

On the plus side, I must mention that locally, that is, from three different stations in Southern California, there are radio shows being presented without any of the "wallowing in the past" hoopla. One station (FM) in San Diego has a different show Monday through Saturday at 7 PM, introducing it as "The Theatre of the Mind", presented by this or that sponser, and that's it. A Los Angeles station has two hours Sunday from 5 to 7 PM, for various shows, with some background information on each. Also an FM station. And a small town AM station plays Lum & Abner at 4 PM, Mon. through Friday, introduced as simply as if it were being produced in the studio. Earlier this year, KFI, AM in L.A. was playing The Lone Ranger and Fibber McGee and Molly, from 7-8 PM each Sunday, and later, The Shadow and The Great Gildersleeve replaced these for a few weeks, then the powers that rule KFI apparently decided that their listeners nervous systems could not bare the strain of 60 minutes void of mediocrity, so they are no longer on. The station specializes completely in mediocrity now, except for a better than average late night talk show. This is really an extra shame because KFI has one of the strongest signals in the country, occasionally reaching far into the midwest.

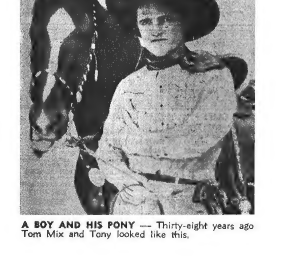
That's one aspect I can't help but stress. Radio's far reaching signal. Maybe because I've traveled by car so much. Living on the road for a good part of the '60's, how often I searched the dial as the pavement stretched out in the night, 80 miles between towns. And what but the vomit sounds that 98% of current rock/pop/country/muzak is, was there? What but the endless repetition of news stories blown out of proportion? What but talk shows, with host and callers defending and batting each other's egos over these overblown headline? Was I searching the dial to "escape" the night, and extending road over Texas plains or Arizona mesa? Or, can a radio, suddenly tuned in to the deeply etched pictures of, say, "Chandu the Magician", facing evil in the Egyptian night...dog howling and sand storm rising...intensity the experience of the Texas or Arizona night, by the sharply defined, and beautifully felt experience a great radio show is?

Oh, but I draw dangerously close to calling "Chandu", ART, with a capital "A". And how the mis-educated, the robotized, the tough, and "heavy" and cool, would ridicule such a blasphemy. There's no accredited course on it in the universities. No book says so. The new living Godhead, the only living church of today's societies; The schools, colleges, universities, teach another frame of mind. A shallower touch with soul. A duller, and meaner, and crystalized perfunctory use for "mind". Feeling, tears, and a gentler form of laughter, have no place. Nice guys finish last. Clint Eastwood and James Bond and The Wild Bunch, spilling blood with cold detachment, and the joy of a zombie, are the "Realistic" heroes. Bonnie and Clyde smashing down a road, and heartlessly, and with hideous grins, ruining people's days and lives...are good for a belly laugh. The banjo picking behind the bloody chase is called humorous. It's not funny to me. None of it is.

The current "Post-innocense" Reality preaches that it's fine to be Rosemary's husband (as in "Rosemary's Baby"), sell your wife to the devil, she was hand picked by him ANYWAY...it's OK to be pimp, pusher or cannibal, under the proper conditions and pressures...but a nice person? Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Jack Armstrong, Capt. Marvel,

Mystery fans were thrilled by ads like this when Kane Richmond's masked features appeared on the 1946 scene.

Superman, Tailspin Tommy, Smiley Burnette, Gabby Hayes, and Buck Rogers? Oh, come on now! What a bummer. What a down trip. Regression man. Paranoia. Get into Reality, baby. Reality with a pummeling Rock beat. With a shallow "Z" movie background. Reality with a sneer. Reality with acquaintances and contacts, but without a friend. Reality with doses of sex, but empty of love. "Love" was chewed up and spit out by some "movement" in the late '60's, full of folks who wore beads, and muttered the word like brainwashed automatons...and



A BOY AND HIS PONY — Thirty-eight years ago Tom Mix and Tony looked like this.

"ONE OF THE FEW MOVIES I'VE GONE TO A THEATRE TO SEE IN THE PAST DECADE IS "BENEATH THE PLANET OF THE APES" ...I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE SOME BEGINNING ATTEMPT AT A FORM OF "B" MOVIE. WHAT A STINKING SHOCK."

now, for some vague, unspoken reason, that has rendered the word, concept, and actuality, "inactive". Computers don't accept the concept as worthy of workable solutions to current crisis. Read; "Inactive".

Of course, "A" movies, and dramas, were always pushing this way of being. "A" heroes drank gut-rotting alcohol, and smoked. (And what a swaggering, big-headed big deal is made out of "having a drink"! The ritual of"manhood". What a pea-brained, asinine bunch of garbage. These type of big deal "adults", are more realistically portrayed as "heavies", in a couple of Gene Autry movies, hardnosing their way into a scene, their heads swimming in a cloud of smoke, drink in hand, and it suddenly looks as nakedly stupid and foul smelling as it really is. It's portrayed more realistically, because it doesn't look the least good at all. And IN reality, it isn't. Do you recall, as a child, or teenage, your first puff of a cigarette, or taste of whiskey? And the "A" movies and people are at it bigger than ever. Read one of the "sophisticates" journels, like the "Rolling Stone", the ones running with the money-men, the jet set, and hear their braying about what "in" beer, at what "in" hotel, was drank at what "in" occasion. Transfer this into a fine "B" movie, and you've got "heavies", looking as ridiculous as they do.) The only differences in modern "A" heroes, is they plan more robberies (just for laughs), more cold blooded, senseless murders, are allowed to curse more, and show their neanderthal nature more blatantly. It used to be, if you couldn't stand "A" sophisticates, there was a wealth of the heroes who talked less, and dealt more in humor than sarcasm, and just weren't so sickeningly hammy and phoney.

There are no "B" movies now.

The "B" movies that dealt with a deeper reality than surface cynicism. That dealt with good getting free of evil. Exiting the theatre in 1935, as Gene Autry has just been freed from the dictatorship of underground Murania; Joy! How possible it seems to get free of all the dictatorships. Of miseducation, misgovernment, and all the near misses and complete misses, that try to distort one's life into the surface cynicism of "A" reality. But Gene overcame unbelievable odds there in Murania! And everyone knows it's "just" a movie...but you could feel goodness...you could feel friendship, you could feel devotion. You could sense the something great that seems to surround us every second, in this film. I'm speaking of the serial, "The Phantom Empire". I wasn't alive in 1935. I have no nostalgia about 1935 or this serial. I've just seen it in 16mm, these years later, and as amazing as ever. Undiminished. No, I'm not about to go into a pitch for some Western, or Eastern or Middle-Eastern religion. If I use the word "soul", it's for lack of another word that can hint as directly at what's missing in today's so-called communications mediums. In attempting to explain it, I stumble constantly upon something like "love" "ffeling". "spirit", or "soul". At the risk of being pigeon-holed into a "type", I might use the analogy that the "mediums" of TV, radio, records and film, have lost their psychic abilities, and we're left with only the dross, the peripheral garbage, out of touch with the "cause" of all the effects. The source. The inspired, joy-giving stuff of life.

So I leave the theatre, after witnessing "Rosemary's Baby". After seeing some of the most dispicable, scum encrusted people, do the most vile things, to a "heroine" as faceless as a new plasterboard wall, who is so far removed from her senses she will swallow anything put in her hand, and never have an original thought in her life, and I feel abused and misused and sick in a much more profound than stomach-sick way. And there is no use in trying to make it out to be some "needed" experience, some jolt to a numb psyche, because it is too shallow to be given even that shallow consideration. It is useless. A senseless and sadistic beating. That's all it is!

One of the few movies I've gone to a theatre to see in the past decade is "Beneath the Planet of the Apes", because I'd heard all about it stretching into a series and I thought this might be some beginning attempt at a form of "B" movie. What a stinking shock. A girl of about 10 or 11, in the seat in front of us, was feverish with excitement

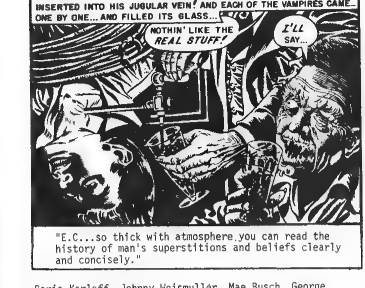
when Charleton Heston was locked up, and some steel spikes appeared in the situation, and the little girl seemed to sense what was to happen because she whispered hoarsely, and loudly to her companion, "Oh, I hope they show the blood!". I don't remember if they showed the blood. I was crying at that point. What a thing for a cool, heavy, laid back, grown male human being to do at a G-rated outing for kids, eh? I don't even know whether it was a happy or "realistic" ending, although I sat through it till the end, clenching my lips at points to keep from screaming out what a rotten, ugly feeling it had to it. Not just the blood, or the blows, but a ramming, brutal, nerve-shattering harshness. It's hard to explain why I even sat through it, except that the theatre of mostly children and teenagers, seemed bound together in a tribal blood lust, at a fever pitch, hyper aware to vibrations in their midst that would be hostile to their object of pleasure. That is, in the heat of the moment, a sudden move up the isle, to the exit, might be interpreted rightly (my wanting out of the tribal blood feast) and I would be leaped upon and eaten alive. Strange feeling to have at an entertainment spectacle for children.

That movie, and hundreds more in the past 10-15 years, was made with a chilling exactness, and precision, to reach the most base soil of perversity in its audience. To nurture it. To feed it in a terrible, unthinkable way. The makers of such films are as hideous and foul as hard drugs dealers. The arguments as to "what about the users", does not deter the actuality of the dealer's rottenness. You have to be a stinking thing to do that every day. How much the audience makes the movie is a very meaningful inquiry, but still, if they...the money men, producers, directors, actors, technicians...refused to mold this filth into a movie...what then?

Sure, the turn of the century into the '50's had its junk. As I said, the "A" was always there. But get yourself a stack of radio tapes, shows without the "A" star appearances, like; Sgt. Preston of the Yukon, Red Ryder, The Cisco Kid, Sam Spade (who bordered on "A" but was too good to make it), Jack Benny, Big Town, Bob & Ray, Hopalong Cassidy, Jack Armstrong, Dick Tracy, Speed Gibson, One Man's Family, Lum & Abner, Boston Blackie, Nick Carter, Bulldog Drummond, Mandrake the Magician, Chandu the Magician, Tom Mix, Capt. Midnight, Sky King, The Lone Ranger, The Green Hornet, Myrt & Marge, Ma Perkins Life with Luigi, Hop Harrigan, Buck Rogers, Burns & Allen, W.C. Fields, Red Skelton, The National Barn Dance, The Grand Ole Opry, Music and variety of all kinds, mystery, horror, outer space and inner space, Jungle Jim, Clyde Beatty, Planet Man, Tarzan, Vic & Sade, the Whistler and The Shadow...and you fill in a hundred or so.

Then how about a stack of comics and strips; Superman, the beauty of Capt. Marvel, Marvel Jr., and Mary...the amazing, unique Dick Tracy art of Chster Gould, Tailspin Tommy, Felix the Cat, Little Lulu, Mighty Mouse, The Durango Kid, The Lone Ranger, E.C. & Atlas & Frankenstein &Fawcett horror, so thick with atmosphere you can read the history of man's superstitions and beliefs clearly and concisely, and on to Raggedy Ann by Johnny Gruelle, Green Lantern, Red Ryder, The Phantom & Mandrake, Brick Bradford, Buck Rogers, Mutt & Jeff, Joe Palooka, Batman & Robin, Popeye, Andy Panda, Henry, Flash Gordon, Blondie, Little Nemo, and so many more!

Translate these to film, animated and live action, serial and feature, one reel or twenty reels, and add the unforgetable and ever fresh "stars" who peopled them; Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Buster Crabbe, Tom Neal, Bill Elliott, Noel Neill, Phyliss Coates, Kirk Alyn, Linda Stirling, Gabby Hayes, Jimmy Wakely, Kane Richmond, Bill Boyd, June Storey, Barbara Pepper, An- Rutherford, Andy Clyde, Lee Lasses White, Lum & Abner, Dub "Cannonball" Taylor, Tim McCoy, Buck Jones, Bela Lugosi, Tristram Coffin, Jack Ingram, Roy Barcroft, Terry Frost, Eddie Parker, Tom Steele, Dave Sharpe, Dale Van Sickel, George Chesebro, Edmond Cobb, William Farnum, Forrest Taylor, Tom London, Betsy King Ross, Frankie Darro, William Benedict, Pierre Watkins, Russell Hayden, Max Terhune, Robert Lowery, Linda Johnson, Clayton Moore, I. Stanford Jolley, Paul Sutton, Stanley Price, Ted Adams, James Craven, Geoege J. Lewis, Judy Clarke, Ralph Hodges, Carol Foreman, Buzz Henry, Anthony Warde, Charles King, Ed Cassidy, Dennis Moore, Lionel Atwill, Lon Chaney Jr., Sidney Toler, Bobby Blake, Ray "Crash" Corrigan, Milburn Stone, Kent Taylor, Ralph Morgan, Hal "Wally Wales" Taliaferro, J. Carroll Naish, Robert Armstrong, William Haade, The Sons of the Pioneers, Abbott & Costello, Laurel & Hardy, Allen "Rocky" Lane, Dave O'Brien, Eddie Acuff, Jaqueline Wells, Syd Saylor, Raymond Hatton, Edgar Kennedy, Billy Gilbert, Charlie Hall, Our Gang, Charles Middleton, W.C. Fields, Mabel Normand, Will Rogers, Clyde Beatty, Ralph Byrd, Tex Ritter,


AND SO HAROLD WAS STRUNG UP...HEAD DOWN! THE TAP WAS INSERTED INTO HIS JUGULAR VEIN! AND EACH OF THE VAMPIRES CAME... ONE BY ONE... AND FILLED ITS GLASS...
NOTHIN' LIKE THE REAL STUFF!
I'LL SAY...

"E.C...so thick with atmosphere you can read the history of man's superstitions and beliefs clearly and concisely."

Boris Karloff, Johnny Weismuller, Mae Busch, George Reeves, Robert Benchley...to name a few.

Listing them like this tends to diminish the glow each one has, the whole world each one was. Some, a universe. Saying "a whole world", would seem to apply more readily to the radio shows and comics, or to whole serials or features, than to individual actors and actresses (and it hardly feels right to call them actors and actresses), but even bit part players were as defined and memorable and knowable as the "stars".

It's not surprising that there were some films, radio programs and occasional comics that were disappointing and uninspired. That's not surprising at all when you realize all that has to be coordinated to produce them. What startles the mind is how many were beautiful, wonderful, and fantastic to behold. How many can be seen, heard, read and looked through again and again, never diminishing, but actually growing in width and dimension as you can grow to appreciate how great each is, outside the ridicule heaped on them by those who can't feel this.

The evidence is overwhelming that "those who can't feel this" are the majority of people today. But that nagging question of how much the audience makes the product, like "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?", contains enough paradox to continue having rays of hope peeking through the mountainous wall of evidence.

As example, take about two dozen childen, 1973. They're at a comic book convention, about to view some older cartoons as part of the convention film program. They're been raised on the "Flintstones" brand of cartoons, mostly. Cartoons as engrossing as watching a blank wall and waiting for the next move. They've seen Dick Tracy turned into this cold mush. Abbott & Costello, Laurel & Hardy, and probably others I've thankfully missed, have had their names attached to these meaningless cells, strung together and given voices and sound effects by...by something too nothing to comprehend. And the show, at the convention, opens with Superman. Not the mind-numbing, robotized TV series, but the Dave Fleischer miracle of 1941. Poetry in motion. Motion! Light. Shadow. Done in broad, beautiful strokes of inspiration. Almost certainly much more inspired than writers Seymour Kneital & Bob Turner, artists Steve Muffati & Frank Enders, and overseer Dave Fleischer ever gave it credit for being in 1941. And this point applies directly to all of these creations I've been writing of here. Creations done outside the egotistical, heady, limelight that the "A" world seeks and feeds on. Everything of the best of the "B" creations was accessible and knowable as the street outside your door, but, look what inspired, incredible, funny, lovable, friendly, enormous, supernatural, threatening but solvable things were happening there. A street in a serial always felt like a street. A country road like a country road. And people felt like people. More human. And if they could feel tnat decent, be such dependable friends and helpmates...if anything could feel like that, as it did in these comics, radio shows, and films, it is very much a miracle. If they were not like that in their "private" lives, and were capable of the pettiness of your own relatives, friends, teachers and parents, still, where did these creations come from? This goodness, where the ONLY hate, if it can really be called "hate", was the hate of evil. You see, the very fact of their existence, and their being created every day and month and year, was reason enough for a boundless joy that shed energy and possibilities like the sun. It is not a matter of "imitating" the creations. It is that they ARE tangible, solid manifestations of people's intangible, invisible desires towards love and decency. If the people involved in making these creations were not like this, and the audience was not, where did this come from? It's not an illusion. You may call it fantasy or fiction or imagination, but that's beside the point I'm making. It is! It does not come from nowhere, going nowhere, relating to nothing. The questions of the producers and the audience is partly answered by saying the producers are the first part of the audience to see the creation. If they are there, the audience will be.

The children watching the 1941 Superman cartoon? To all outward appearances, wholly involved, not a peep, watching and experiencing. Then...the next cartoon. Donald Duck and his nephews. Disney, after his early, black and white period of short cartoons, is "A" to the most sadistic extreme in the history of cinema. Donald's nephews torture him in a way that twists the guts like being witness to a concentration camp sweat session. Disney had a way of portraying evil as if he had personally invented it. It's in his features animated and live, and in shorts like this. Only the comics and strips under Disney's name were spared for the most part. But this Donald cartoon feels as brutal as the bloodiest of "A" spectacles to come. The children? A minute ago watching Superman. Not a peep. Watching. Now? Harsh, rapping laughter, a couple punching each other, some restlessly fidgeting, scraping feet. A general feeling of a blood sheding ritual in a primitive tribe. Does the creation shape the audience? And the Donald has no happy ending, or any ending that would make some reason to the wounded mind for such senseless torture. No. Donald gets beat to hell and that's it!

Sure, a Laurel & Hardy short can end up with Ollie's wife leaving him, and his house burned to the ground, but this shows how completely it is beyond plot and situation. It is a matter of feeling. A matter of playing the play that always eludes evil somehow, OR a matter of a big spectacle of color, and intricate techniques, and adrenalin inducing music, to hide your low and deadly blows.

It is very easy, if you have no emotions yourself, to learn cold bloodedly just what tenor of music and bashing rhythm, just what succession of images, can bring about desired results in your audience. And no matter how intelligent you are as a spectator, as the audience, you will respond as intended. Not because you are a sheep following, but because you have a nervous system, and those calculated thrusts at it, produce its response like a defense against attack. This can also be called "excitement". A shallow ner-

vous excitement. Not the "excitement" of joy, of discovery, or exuberant interest. But a form of brain-filthing (more accurate a term than brainwashing) that can bring a habit reaction to go for more, rather than fact the depression that would naturally come after such misuse of the nervous system, and in turn your WHOLE being. Brought up on this, with no "B" alternative as a daily measuring stick, a person could easily come to an early Gene Autry film, such as "Gold Mine in the Sky", with its beautiful music, and amazing photography and too much to mention...and find it a dull throb to his or her consciousness. Progress? Modern lifestyle?

How easily the person geared to and raised on "Current" equals "Reality", and "Past" equals "Nostalgia" and "Escapism"...would dismiss this Gene movie, along with a gold mine of other wonderful things, as nothing more than "passe'". Old.

That newness, that freshness, that is always in something good, cannot be experienced by this person. There is something, some "life", that has been called "eternal", all ways in all things, that is of it.

Isn't it in "1984", by Orwell, that the past must be erased, or rewritten? The past, like motherhood, is to be held in contempt, and those who would consider either to be of importance, are idiots and malcontents? You might say, "But Orwell was speaking of important things of the past, like history books, "great" literature, and so on." But think of a people, watching themselves daily grow more cold, and mechanical, pitiable and superficial. What "past" would they most want to erase, most quickly? Dull textbooks of wars and politics, treaties and documents? Ancient texts and facts of centuries ago? Or those things so recent past, so close, speaking of depths and emotions, that should, by all that's sane, be centuries gone already. Not so close behind. Not actually touched in their own youth, and young adulthood. This is the past that is the living link with the vague sons that went before. This is the past that burns so brightly in contrast with their gray present, and whose pain and longing could catapult them to "dangerous" ways out of this present. This is the past that they themselves join Big Brother in eradicating and mocking with mad intensity.

Then too, now, in 1974, if the "creative" ones of the media realize (not too subconsciously) that they are producing garbage, they would not want to be faced everyday with a treasure house of fine creations, done as recently as the '50's.

What has happened? What has died? Has it died?

It's very disturbing, if one can honestly look at how actually insane and insanely sad the world is becoming. And so much of it for the lack of simple pleasures. So simple, so intimate and small, but when removed...when torn from the fabric of daily life... monstrous in dimension.

It is the intelligence of people, looking for this something of them, that the zombies have labeled "Nostalgia"!

Because, horribly enough, their brain-filthing has been 100% successful. Armed with their dictionary of psychiatric terminology, certain to miss the real cause every time, and even the effects, none are more egotistically unshakable in their pretense at reason. Knowledge without wisdom. Educated into senility. No senses to know what the senses are missing to begin with. No hint in their rigid, molded minds, of the mystery of it all. The star studded night sky that brewed a thousand stories as tangible as hot tea in the winter of it. The mountain slope that born a Superman to leap it. The sky, the beyond as deep and bekoning as the deep inside us that longs to be known and spoken to, and laughed with and recognized as the really important activity on this planet, in spite of the Brave New World practitioners trying to bore the country and the world to death with their stinking politics and hideous cacophoney passing as music, and

their screeching, frenzied commercials pushing just about everything but solid, usable products and information.

The media. That by creativity and inspiration, can turn the tide, can help a new beginning. Even if it's just getting their bloated egos out of the way, to showcase the best of what has been created, to show by comparison what a wasteland it's been the past 10 to 15 years especially. Just to have the sanity to use the good things we have, is already the new beginning, rather than going through this conceited and boring trip, locking it out as 'nostalgia'.

You think it's an exaggeration to place these creations in importance with Bach, the pyramids, the Bible, and other ancient books? Too much to say as meaningful as Greek buildings, and myths, famous paintings, cave paintings, and Notre Dame? No, maybe they shouldn't be in such company. Maybe they're important to us.

Maybe, with the turn of the century, with radio and widely circulated periodicals, and film...there was an outpouring of the whole of human experience, the ancestral memories, genetic messages, psychic intuitions, and more, into these media that could manifest more immediately, and with greater intimacy than anything else in written, known history of man on earth.

As these have given place to suggest, perhaps there was a far more liberated and wise mankind, not at all of any Earth evolution theory (and it is a pretty puny theory at that), but of a forgotten origin that longed with soul searing intensity to be remembered, to be touched as actuality once more. It has to do with evil. It has to do with good knowing it is good, and loving to be good. And in this loving and knowing...knowing evil cannot win.

But, you know what I mean. The comics, the serials, the "B" westerns, and those wonderful radio shows are full of it.

Just words and images, but where they reach is beyond the word and image. It is not the word "evil" or "good". It is some wider realm touched upon, played upon like great chords on an infinite piano. These do this. So they are as profound, as deep, as important, as anything ever created by anyone, anywhere, anytime. To be free of the bores and ridiculers, is to see this bright and clear. And it's in no danger of becoming mummified in textbooks. They are their own textbooks, alive and well.

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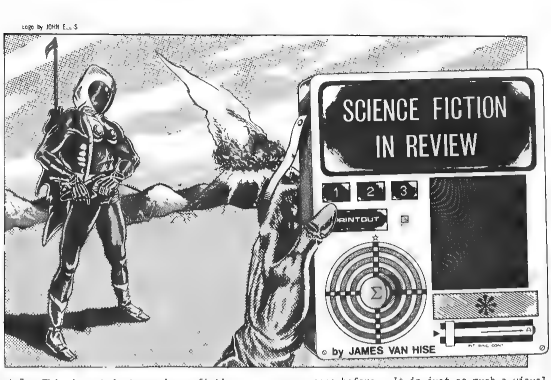

ZARDOZ [movie] - This is not just a science fiction film, this is a weird science fiction film. It is written, produced and directed by John Boorman, whose previous film was DELEVERANCE, and he does a really incredible job.

The story involves Zed (or "Z", since his name is never shown written and zed is the British pronounciation of the final letter in the alphabet) who is played very capably by Sean Connery (who is still trying to be successful in films other than James Bond). Connery replaced Burt Reynolds who was slated to the the film originally but became ill, and in fact the mustachioed character Connery plays looks very much like Burt Reynolds anyway. The film all takes place in some far future time when the world is divided into two castes; the Eternals who live in force field sheltered areas called vortexes, and the Exterminators, such as Zed, who live outside and who exist only to kill. Zardoz is their god who directs them in their existence, brings them guns, etc. Zardoz speaks to these people through an enormous stone head, which resembles something like a grotesque lion's, as this head can fly through the air and land on the ground at will. The sequences of the head provide some incredible special effects, and convey a feeling which is downright eerie. Zed enters the story by stowing away in the head and murdering the real Zardoz, a mere man, when he discovers him. Zed enters the vortex in the head and there encounters more of the eternals, people who are immortal by means of "The Tabernacle", a secret place which recreates any of them who are killed. Aided by one of the Eternals named "Friend", Zed observes and secretly plots their destruction. It turns out that this is what the Eternals wanted, as they had subconsciously created this slave, Zed, to free his masters through death, by destroying the Tabernacle. This is all revealed in a very involved manner as the film has not only a complex story full of bizarre satire, but the most incredible cinematography I've ever seen, as even the special effects have special effects. The audience is constantly bombarded with scenes so visually stunning and unsettling that it sometimes seems hard to follow for this reason. The imagination displayed in the direction of this film is incredible to behold and cannot be compared with anything I've ever seen before. It is just as much a visual experience as it is an intellectual one. It is the type of film which you can sit around with people and discuss for hours, it's that involved. The ending of the film immediately brought to mind Kubrick's 2001 as it's denoument is told in a symbolic time passage fashion, even to an incredible makeup job on Connery as an over one hundred year old man. The ending, though, is not really an imitation of 2001, so much as it is an homage to Kubrick.

I must warn you though that this is the type of film you'll either understand or you won't, which you'll either like or dislike. No middle ground. But there is no question but that you'll agree that Boorman has a truly incredible mind.

NEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWS, AND MORE NEWS!

First off, I'd like to correct an error made last time concerning PLANET EARTH (formerly GENESIS II). The character of Dylan Hunt has not been dropped, rather he will be played by John Saxon instead of Alex Cord. About the only actor being retained from the first pilot is Ed Cassidy as Isaiah. The story being filmed for it involves Dylan encountering a culture in which women are the dominant sex.***LOGAN'S RUN, a book which MGM paid a quarter of a million dollars for the screen rights to and then shelved, will finally be filmed soon.***MGM has also announced that FUTUREWORLD, a sequel to the financially successful WESTWORLD, will be filmed.***Dan Curtis is planning to film still more adventures of Carl Kolchak wno so far encountered THE NIGHT STALKER and THE NIGHT STRANGLER.***Isaac Asimov's I, ROBOT will be filmed as a TV miniseries.***Three new SF films in very early stages of production are ABSOLUTE ZERO, THE GODS OF FOXCROFT, and CIRCLE, IF DEAD.***JOURNEY OF THE OCEANAUTS will begin filming this summer with Douglas Trumbull as co-director. ***George Pal has already started filming on DOC SAVAGE, starring Ron Ely. It has a multimillion dollar budget and is the first time Pal has been given a budget large enough to do a film the way he feels it should be done. The film will be in period 1935 and include Doc's "Fortress of Solitude". Doc's aids are played by unknowns cast to type. Warner Brothers is pushing for an August release on it with DOC SAVAGE-ARCH ENEMY OF EVIL slated as the second film in the projected series.**********

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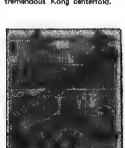

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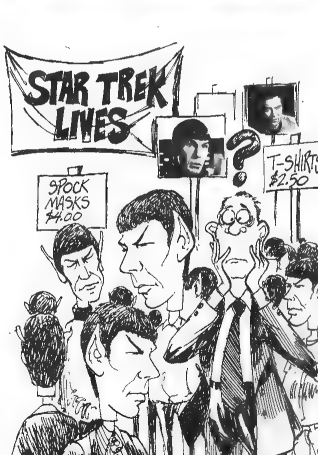
On February 17th, Miami held what was intended to be just a one day mini-con but it turned out instead to be a phenomenon. The one day STAR TREK CON was promoted heavily throughout Miami and adjoining areas in order to reach the maximum number of interested fans. Based on previous gatherings an attendance of about two hundred was projected. A special souvenir booklet was printed up and given away with each admission ticket. Two hundred and twenty-five of the booklets were brought to the convention to be distributed. The con was scheduled to start at 10:00 in the morning. At 9:00 AM people were already arriving. At 9:30 when the local dealer in Star Trek souvenirs started to set up his table, people began crowding around, trying to buy from him even before he had half his wares displayed. By 10:30 AM all 225 of the souvenir books had been handed out to attendees and the crowd was swelling. The first STAR TREK episode of the day, "City On The Edge Of Forever", was scheduled to be shown at 11:15, but half an hour before all the seats in the film area were already filled in anticipation and even standing room was becoming scarce. The episode was shown without any problems and it was met with great enthusiasm. Even greater enthusiasm greeted the showing of the color "Star Trek Bloopers" at 12:45 PM as here was a film perhaps only a handful of the attendees had ever seen before. This film, comprised of gags, mistakes and ruined takes, had everything imaginable and then some. There was Capt. Kirk shot in the groin with an arrow and laughing uncontrollably when its yanked out, cast member walking into doors that refused to open on cue, McCoy and Nurse Chapel being thrown back and forth in a scene from "The Immunity Syndrome" only as they are thrown together McCoy grabs her around the bosom; and many others that are unbelievably hilarious. Meanwhile, dealing had been going on at a furious rate, some of the dealers doing not just exceptional business, but better than they had ever done at any gathering previous. There were many Star Trek souvenirs available, from various stills to fanzines and slides. At 1:30 John Ellis and Debbie Bucher gave co-chairman Jim Van Hise a break and handled the showing of 300 Star Trek slides while Jim took a break from the con's frantic pace to head off exhaustion. At 3:00 the second STAR TREK of the day, "This Side Of Paradise" was shown. The final STAR TREK shown was "The Galileo 7" and this was screened following a second showing of the Bloopers as well as after seeing the theatrical trailer to "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY". It was obvious all day long that the interest in STAR TREK was tremendous in Miami as the total attendance was ultimately 448 people, a figure that is not only staggering because this was a local one day con, but because it surpasses the number of people drawn at some of the nationally advertised cons of the past couple years, such as Partycon, Phoenixcon and Mid-America Con. As has been proved in other areas of the country, Star Trek is alive and well in the hearts and minds of its fans everywhere. "Keep On Trekkin'" has proven to be not just a slogan but a rallying call to the future, a call which has stretched from coast to coast, from New York to New Orleans to L.A. and even to Houston, Texas where they'll have their first STAR TREK CON this June, headed up by G.B. Love and Earl Blair. Star Trek Lives...everywhere!



AN EVENING WITH LEONARD NIMOY

by JAMES VAN HISE

When Leonard Nimoy appeared at Palm Beach Junior College in February, 1974, to give a talk, I wondered just what he would really be like. There have been many conflicting stories about how he looks back on the STAR TREK series and his role of Mr. Spock, although without exception, all sources have always credited him with being a very personable and friendly individual. Nor were they wrong. When Leonard first appeared on the stage he was smiling and holding up his right hand with fingers spread in the Vulcan peace sign. He was greeted with thunderous applause from the packed to standing room only auditorium. He set the relaxed atmosphere of the evening in responding to the ovation by saying, "You humans have really got to learn to control your emotions."

Leonard is a very articulate and interesting individual who is involved in many ideas beyond the sphere of theatrics. He began his informal talk by discussing the science fiction society which we live in. How things which we take for granted today were science fiction fifty years ago. To give examples he read and discussed headlines from a newspaper he had picked up at the airport. He pointed to the headline and said, "Look, here's an article about the energy crisis, the biggest science fiction story of the century." Another article he pointed out concerned a scientist who had been developing anti-aggression pills to prevent national leaders from abusing their powers. "A good science fiction writer", he remarked, "could pick that up and really make a great episode of Star Trek. Who says Star Trek is unbelievable?"

On the subject of Star Trek he discussed what it was like playing Mr. Spock five days a week, twelve hours a day. "All week long I'd have to think like Mr. Spock and talk like Mr. Spock. When the weekend came, it would take me until sunday to start thinking like I used to think and talking like I used to talk. I think that philosophically I was affected by the character of Mr. Spock. I think from playing Spock I learned how to think more rationally and logically in my own life."

When asked if Star Trek would ever return he stated, "I'd say the odds are 76.24 to one against it. Paramount is afraid that a new series would severly reduce the profitable syndication of the reruns. There was more than one time though when I was sure that it would return as the studio had contacted me to see if I would be available."

Although he said that NBC was trying to get Star Trek back on the air, he said of the network, "I don't think they really understood it. I don't think they really understood what the market was for the show. They did not think it interesting or worth while to have a lead character with pointed ears. NBC underestimated the potential of Star Trek all along. Last week I was at the Star Trek Convention in New York, 15,000 fans turned out. The first convention drew 3,000 fans and last year 8,000 turned out. NBC was there to cover the event and I'm sure they are aware of it now."

On the animated Star Trek show he said that he'd done sixteen episodes and doubted that it would be renewed.

While discussing science fiction, he mentioned that he didn't care for the nuts and bolts type of science fiction, the type which described all sorts of rockets and gadgets and described how they worked. One fan remarked, "Like ZOMBIES OF THE STRATOSPHERE?" Leonard cringed. He turned his face partially aside with a grin expressing both humor and embarrassment. He turned back to the audience and said, "What he was talking about is that in the 1950's I made a serial called 'Zombies Of The Stratosphere'. You must forgive me, I needed the money."

Leonard mentioned that since anyone who appears on a tour usually has something to plug, he'd brought his book, YOU & I with him. The book is poetry

written over the years on his evolving feelings about love. It's illustrated with various photographs he's taken over the years as well. He said that he really hadn't expected anything to come of it so he took it to a small publisher in California, one that does print runs of only a few thousand. That publisher in turn sold the paperback rights to Avon and his book has already sold 300,000 paperback copies. The passage he read from it was so hauntingly beautiful that the entire audience was rapt with attention. I usually don't care that much for poetry, but this was good. It was very probing, very emotive, showing a facet of him that one is seldom in touch with because it is so much inside, in his thoughts and his feelings. It revealed a whole new side of Leonard Nimoy as a person and a talent.

That is one thing about Leonard that few people seem to understand. Leonard Nimoy is talented. His characterization of Mr. Spock brought him to recognition but that is not the only reason he is admired. Leonard's talents include singing, as he proved with some very well done songs on his albums, and writing as he proved in his book. The press fosters this tunnel vision view of him as well by invariably making Mr. Spock jokes in every article they do on him, as it is this press mentality that spawned the word "Trekkie", and don't think they meant it as sounding any more complimentary than it does. This typical newspaper mentality reared its obnoxious head at the press conferance prior to his talk. Area fan Joyce Huser, who is a fine artist as well as member of Star Trek Fans United, was talking with Leonard when a writer by the name of Tom Van Howe of the Palm Beach edition of the Miami Herald walked up to them and barged right into their conversation by asking Joyce if she was a Trekkie and if Leonard Nimoy was her idol. Joyce felt about two inches tall as Leonard was still standing there right next to her. She managed to recover her composure though and put the reporter in his place by stating that she didn't think she'd qualify for his definition of Trekkie since her club didn't have a mob of fans waiting to greet him at the airport, plus her admiratfon for Leonard Nimoy was not just based on Star Trek as he had also done many plays as well as being an accomplished singer and writer. The reporter didn't know what to say. Leonard congratulated Joyce on her response to the reporter. He understood the situation all too well. Not to be stymied, said reporter went on to do an all too typical article that appeared the following day and began, "Sorry to have to break the news, 'Trekkies'--but Mr. Spock doesn't really have pointed ears." Some people never learn. A week later I met another reporter from that same paper and I discussed the very low image of his readers that Van Howe projected in that article and others I'd seen by him. The other article that appeared on Leonard's talk was much better but it centered solely on Star Trek and ignored the many other things that he had discussed.

Many of the subjects Leonard covered were topics that he had a particular fascination for. One such discussion concerned plants. This was not just a simple Horticultural interest but rather one that delved into the recent scientific tests and discoveries that prove some long unproven theories, that being that plants not only react to human emotions, but have emotions themselves! The specific studies he talked on at length were those conducted by Cleve Backster in 1966. Backster is one of America's foremost lie-detector experts and as Leonard put it his experiments began like this,"One day he was in his office and he decided just for the heck of it to see what the polygraph would register if he attached the electrodes to the plant on his desk. He was astonished to discover that it gave off a pattern which was very close to that of a human under emotional stimulation." Backster further experimented by dropping first brine shrimp and then other simple animals into boiling water in the presense of the plants. The Polygraph registered a very violent reaction in each case as if some sort of extrasensory broadcast was being transmitted to the plants by the dying cells communicating danger. Thus Backster concluded that, like animals, plants stake out a territory and react to phenomena occuring in that immediate vicinity. Backster even concluded that plants develop relationships with their masters! He tested this with automated equipment and synchronized stop watches and he then left the plants and made note of the time certain things occurred to him, when he felt certain emotions, as well as when he decided to return to the laboratory while fifteen miles distant and the plants and registered specific reactions at all those juncters, thus showing that they had an extrasensory link with their master! Leonard was obviously very excited by these discoveries due to the whole new vistas of science they had openned up to exploration, especially those which demonstrated positive extrasensory links.

Leonard also brought up the subject of UFO's. To lead into it he read a quote which was quite obviously a description of an extraterrestrial vehicle from which beings disembarked. Most people recognized it as the much publicized section of the book Ezekial from the Bible. Leonard said that he does indeed believe in them and mentioned that the methods that UFO's employ are quite similar to what has been decided our astronauts should do when they reach an alien but inhabited world, that being to avoid mass observation and study the planet and its inhabitants as much as possible to learn as much as possible before attempting any sort of contact with them.

Leonard discussed other subjects as well, every once in awhile returning to Star Trek when some aspect of his talk touched on it to some degree. He mentioned in passing that although Star Trek openned many doors for him its also cost him some jobs as some directors feel he is typecast as Spock, but that hasn't been that great of a problem as he now gets enough offers that he can pick what he wants to do.

Leonard's talk was one stop on a ten day tour of colleges around the country, and those of us there that night undoubtedly saw more of him than any of the fans at the International Star Trek Con in New York were able to.

STAR TREK '74

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THE VULCAN OUTPOST

"The Vulcan Outpost", where you'll experience the sights and sounds of Star Trek. We will have on display by astronomical artist Morris Scott Dollens, a group of paintings guarenteed to dazzle your mind, including his famous "Enterprise vs Klingon Ship" battle scene. Also on display (and it will be for sale) will be a full color "Mr. Spock" painting by pro artist Don Newton. And you are invited to bring & display your Star Trek creations. And you will find in "The Vulcan Outpost", on sale, every type of Star Trek memorbilia ever seen, and some never seen before. And remember, it all happens at.....

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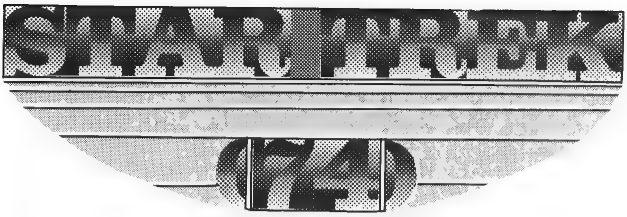

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TRANSPORTER ROOM

In The Transporter Room at STAR TREK 74 we will be showing at least 9 complete Star Trek tv shows, including "This Side Of Paradise", "Plato's Step-Children", and "Charlie X," plus the infamous Star Trek Blooper film. We will also be presenting a gigantic narrated Star Trek Slide show, featuring over 500 hundred slides. Here's something for you experts---how many of you know that Leonard Nimoy appeared in a serial made in the 1950's titled "Zombies Of The Stratosphere"?? Well, we will also be showing a couple of chapters from that serial.

And last, but certainly not least, we will be showing some of the greatest science fiction movies ever made, which are listed below. All in all, we will be presenting a film line up guarenteed to please any and all Star Trek fans.

And it all takes place at STAR TREK 74

7 SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS

" FORBIDDEN PLANET "
" DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL "
" INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS "
" THE TIME MACHINE "
" EARTH VS THE FLYING SAUCERS "
" 1984 "
" WAR OF THE WORLDS "

LOGO by John Ellis and James Johnston

BY JOHN COOPER

On December 7th, 1941, a Sunday afternoon that was beautiful and sunny here in West Virginia, radio shocked us with bulletins cutting into football games and regularly scheduled programs saying that Japanese planes were into a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, right off the shores of California, and the mainland of the United States. Quickly, the movies, comic-strips and the radio shows adapted formats that had the hero of the media facing Axis allies of Japan, Germany and Italy. Stories were wrapped up quickly that were just being heard on radio, and within the next week's episode, spies, intrigue, and mystery surrounded Tom Mix, Jack Armstrong, Captain Midnight, Terry and the Pirates, etc....and for the most of us who listened to those great old favorites in the early evening hours, it was great fun. Even so today when we pull out those programs now stored safely away on tape, the thrill and entertainment is still there.

For instance...witnin a year, let's look at a few plots after the programs were into this type of format. Remember now, your dad, brother, or the next-door neighbor might have been at the time, somewhere fighting the Nazis, Japs, or Mussolini's bums during WW2. Anything our radio-heroes were doing to catch a spy, or defeat a ring of saboteurs was great listening and appreciated by their fans.

In the "Terry & The Pirates" program of Friday, Feb. 19, 1942, Terry and his friends are flying to see Captain Blaze, and as announcer Doug Browning set the stage..."As you know, the beautiful Burma nas been working in a remote hospital in China. She has become assistant to the Madam Chi, "mother" of the Chinese guerrilla soldiers, fighting for the Allies. In this way she has again met Terry and Pat, and because of the war, Madam Chi has delegated Burma to Meet and talk with the pirate smuggler, Captain Blaze, so inside the bomber, with Terry and Pat, the crew, Flip Corkin, Burma has flown to a hidden mountain hospital, the first stop in the visit to the respected Captain Blaze. But here at the hospital, Terry has suddenly discovered...well, listen, as he explains..." A lot can be said in that detailed intro. And this followed a pitch to have you send in two boxtops from Quaker cereals, the sponsor, to have your name put on board a real North-American B-25 Bomber, as a good luck mascot, "right there in the crew's compartment, as they drop their bombs on the Axis." You get a photo of the B-25, with your name-shield, and a button, an offer "to help the sale of war stamps and get you introduced to our product."

Hop Harrigan, the flying hero from the "All-American" DC comics, had his own radio show and on the Feb. 18th, 1942 program, just one day before the Terry Show, we heard HOP and his pal "Tank" trapped by the Japs in a mine. At the end of the show, the old mine was dynamited. Announcer Glenn Riggs was trying to get the fans to write in and request the show to interview pilots, tell about what is of interest to those listening, and if listeners would like each show in the future to tell "about a particular airplane on each program, from the U.S., or other country's air-forces." Heard weekdays on the NBC Blue network, the show was written by Al Aley, who also at times played Hop. Jackson Beck was heard as "Tank Tinker". But this show was not as thrilling nor had the quality of the others. Or so it seemed to me.

Comic strip creator Milton Caniff's "Terry" was,on the other hand, a great little radio series. Writer Al Barker always kept the plot thick with characters from the comic-strip itself; Terry, Pat Ryan, The Dragon Lady, Burma, Connie, Flip Corkin, Hotshot Charlie, Eleta, and Big Stoop...who was understood to be present, but no sound was heard from him, only noises of him tripping over things, or smashing chairs when he unexpectedly sat down. Jackie Kelk, also starring as "Homer Brown" on the "HENRY ALDRIDGE" show, and in the Sid Smith/Gus Edson comic-strip radio show "THE GUMPS" as "Chester Gump", was heard as 'Terry Lee". Clayton "Bud" Collier, better known as radio's "Superman", was "Pat Ryan". Agness Moorehead was the "Dragon Lady".

NBC-The Blue network, featured TOM MIX. This was out favorite. On the program that ushered in the New Year of 1942, when the U.S. had just declared only four weeks before, Tom, played by Russell Thorson here, was about to close in on "The Master Mind" who was holding "The old Wrangler" prisoner. Announcer Don Gordon set it up like this...(listen carefully)... "A dangerous gang, lead by a man known as the mysterious Master Mind has taken Wrangler prisoner. The same gang tried to kidnap Pecos (played by Curley

THE STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

AROUND THE CAMP-FIRE AT THE TM-BAR, HERE IS THE RADIO CAST THAT PLAYED THE LEADING CHARACTERS ON THE "TOM MIX" RADIO SHOW IN THE FINAL BROADCASTS OF THE 1950's, ON THE MUTUAL RADIO NETWORK. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, FORREST LEWIS WAS "WASH", MARY LOU GERSON WAS HEARD AS "CHLOE", JANE WEBB WAS "JANE", LEO CURLEY WAS "SHERIFF MIKE SHAW", CURLEY BRADLEY WAS THE LONG-TIME AND FINAL "TOM MIX" OF RADIO, WILLARD WATERMAN WAS HEARD AS "LONGBOW BILL", AND THE BEST KNOWN ANNOUNCER OF THE SHOW, AND THAT WAS PERHAPS BECAUSE HE WAS THE LAST, WAS DON GORDON.

Bradley), but he escaped by jumping from a high bridge. Now Tom has only until midnight to deliver the secret flower with the power of a magic potion." It is obvious that foreign powers are behind this. The villain naturally talks with an accent so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Finally on the V-E Day show of May 8th, 1945, Tom Mix is deep into a "Secret Mission", and the fact is too plain that the war was suddenly over catching this show as well as others now with dated plots. Announcer Don Gordon here makes it plain that a bit of right-before-air-time script changes can only be done on those "live" shows of the 1940's and early 1950's, because he winds up the show with..."And Tom is off on another thrilling adventure as he boards the airplane to route out the remaining Nazis and Jap rat-nests around the world..." Curley Bradley was now playing Tom. He continued in the title role until the 1950's when Mutual dropped the show when the Ralston Checkerboard Co. ceased sponsoring the program. But, Bradley went on for awhile with his own show, almost a carbon-copy of what he was doing, along with the rest of the cast, including announcer Gordon who would sign on the new show..."Here comes Curley Bradley, the Singing Marshall..." complete with a rousing organ and guitar musical accompaniment.

Jack Armstrong, Captain Midnight, Dick Tracy, Superman, even Little Orphan Annie, all had their hands full of spies, and the shows of the 1940's perhaps were exciting for this reason. The world situation was critical for the United States at the first of the war. After Pearl harbor we were kept aware that we were losing battles on all fronts. Newspapers, movie theatre newsreels, and... our radio, informed the people back home that the war was truly world-wide including hostilities on the ground, in the air , the sea lanes and sub-marine warfare. In the Axis circles, Hitler took over all command of Germany. His early victories impressed Mussolini, compelling him to follow Der Fuehrer, expecting to help rule the world. Japan synchronized their army and navy efforts with the strategy of Nazis Germany. Indeed, it was only the spirit of the togetherness of the "American Way", the grinding out of, should we say...propaganda by such as we have mentioned, the no doubt that we would band together and beat those 'dirty guys' eventually" attitude at least kept morales up and people happy at home, while metals, rubber, other goods were being shipped to the troops. One could not say that the entertainment media, with radio the cheapest, wasn't giving their best in the war-effort, with its support.

After the war, the freeze on something called 'television' was lifted. Stations started to be planned. The networks started dropping stories in national magazines that broadcasts were to be originated soon. Materials became available again back home and in 1946 experimental television was being done with reception received by those few 12-inch screens. Radio shows would be transcribed soon, and within a few years, TV would get the stars and be doing their own "live" shows. As we mentioned in our last column, stars of radio stepped into TV, the new medium, without much effort. Their years of experience in radio paid off greatly when they stepped before the cameras.

Next issue, we'll look and listen to the evening programs during radio's great "golden days", from I LOVE A MYSTERY and the LONE RANGER to THE LUX RADIO THEATRE and FIBBER McGEE & MOLLY. Until then, remember to turn in your excess grease and fats at your local market, they're needed in our war effort! And as Abner Peabody said to Lum Edwards, "Is that possible?" But to me, please send fan cards and letters.

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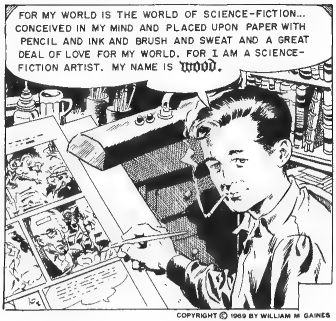
WOOD'S WORLD


FOR MY WORLD IS THE WORLD OF SCIENCE-FICTION... CONCEIVED IN MY MIND AND PLACED UPON PAPER WITH PENCIL AND INK AND BRUSH AND SWEAT AND A GREAT DEAL OF LOVE FOR MY WORLD. FOR I AM A SCIENCE-FICTION ARTIST. MY NAME IS WOOD.
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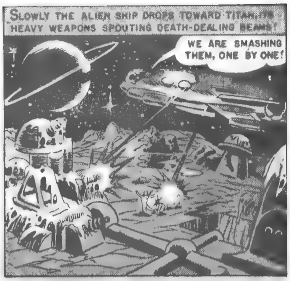
In this section we feature, in serialized form, some of the best Wally Wood non-EC strips. This issue we present part one of "Kenton Of The Star Patrol" from STRANGE WORLDS #3, 1951.

KENTON
OF THE STAR PATROL
BY THE YEAR 3750 MANKIND HAD BRANCHED OUT FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM TO THE STARS. TO POLICE THESE VAST AREAS, THE STAR PATROL WAS BORN! SOMETIMES A SHIP FLASHED OUT OF THE VOID, FILLED WITH PLUNDERING PIRATES FROM AN UNKNOWN GALAXY. SUCH A RAIDER WAS THE BETAXON BIG, FILLED WITH STRANGE CREATURES-- THE FLANN, WHO WANTED PRECIOUS URANIUM. DAVE KENTON DREW AN ASSIGNMENT IN DEATH WHEN HE RODE THE SPACEWAYS TO TRACK DOWN--THE ALIEN RAIDERS!

THE ALIEN SHIP FIRST APPEARED OFF TITAN, SATURN'S LARGEST MOON, WHERE RICH URANIUM MINES WERE WORKED BY CONSOLIDATED PLANETS—
"LOOK! A SPACESHIP!"
IT ISN'T ONE OF OURS- SOUND THE ALARM!

AS THE GUARDS START TO RUN, DEADLY LIGHT BEAMS DRIVE DOWN THROUGH THE THIN ATMOSPHERE, FREEZING THEM IN THEIR TRACKS...

BATES AND O'HARA, FROZEN SOLID! WHAT. WHAT IS THAT THING?
NEVER MIND WHAT IT IS! START FIRING!
MAN THE REPULSERS!
CLANG A LANG


SLOWLY THE ALIEN SHIP DROPS TOWARD TITAN, ITS HEAVY WEAPONS SPOUTING DEATH-DEALING BEAMS!
WE ARE SMASHING THEM, ONE BY ONE!

THE GOLD BEAMS SILENCED THEIR WEAPONS AND THE SLEEP-GAS RENDERED THE HUMANS UNCONSCIOUS...
WE WILL NOT ONLY GET URANIUM, BUT SLAVES AS WELL! IT IS GOOD!

OUR ROBOTS WORK WELL, BUT NOT NEARLY AS EFFICIENTLY AS HUMANOIDS WILL! AND WE WILL NEED MANY WORKERS TO REFIT OUR ROCKETS FOR INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL BY SIHIL! WE HAVE MADE A RICH HAUL!

AS THE GREAT ALIEN SHIP POINTS ITS NOSE OUTWARD TOWARD THE RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM... AND THE STARS BEYOND—
THE HUMANOIDS SEEM TO BE FREEZING, COMMANDER, WE OF FLANN LIKE ZERO TEMPERATURES, BUT THE HUMANS WILL DIE!
VERY WELL TO SEAL THE PRISON CHAMBERS, AND RAISE THE HEAT TO FIFTY ABOVE ZERO!

AS THE FLANN SPACESHIP ZOOMS OUTWARD, A STAR PATROL CRUISER HOVERS OVER THE RAVAGED TITAN...
STAR PATROL CRUISER BANTAM CALLING BASE! CLEAR LANES FOR VITAL MESSAGE! CALLING BASE! CLEAR LANES! CLEAR LANES! VITAL! VITAL!

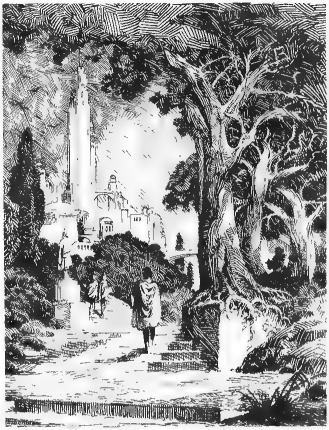
AND AT THE PATROL ACADEMY, IN MARSOPOLIS...
RUSH THIS TO COMMAND OFFICER O'LEARY. VITAL! FULL PRIORITY—
CHECK, SIR! AT ONCE!

FOR MONTHS, THE FLANN RAIDED TITAN, RUTHLESSLY DESTROYING THE STAR PATROL SPACEBOATS PROTECTING IT...
THESE HUMANOIDS ARE EASILY KILLED! LOWER AWAY TO THE MOON FOR MORE URANIUM AND SLAVES!
IN MARSOPOLIS' FAMOUS UNDER-SEA RESTAURANT,
PATROL CAPTAIN KENTON—I KNOW YOU'RE ON VACATION AFTER THAT JOB YOU DID AGAINST THE COALSACK GORSAIRS— BUT MIGHT I ASK A FAVOR?
OF COURSE, SIR. GLAD TO BE OF ANY HELP!
IT'S ABOUT THE RAIDS ON TITAN. WE'VE LOST TEN SHIPS, AND MORE THAN A THOUSAND MEN! SOMEBODY IS RAIDING TITAN FOR URANIUM AND SLAVES, BUT WHO IS DOING THE RAIDING WE DON'T KNOW!
I WANT YOU OUT THERE, DAVE. NOT AS A PATROLMAN BUT AS A CONVICT, SENTENCED TO WORK IN THE URANIUM MINES FOR TWO YEARS!
...I SEE! I'M TO GET KIDNAPPED, OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT HAPPENS TO OUR MEN! THEN, IF I CAN, TO SIGNAL YOU IN SOME WAY! VERY WELL, SIR! I'LL TACKLE IT!
SOME WEEKS LATER, AS THE CONVICT SHIP LANDS ITS HUMAN CARGO ON TITAN...
I'VE PASSED THE TEST OF MY FELLOW 'CONVICTS'! IF THEY HAVEN'T QUESTIONED ME, WHOEVER RAIDS TITAN WON'T!
STEP LIVELY! THIS ISN'T A PICNIC, YOU'RE HERE TO WORK! STEP ALONG!
DAY AFTER DAY, DAVE KENTON LABORS. WITH PICK AND AXE, THE RADIO ACTIVE ORE IS CHIPPED LOOSE.
TALK ABOUT BACK-BREAKING WORK! WHEW! IT'S A GOOD THING I KEEP FIT BY CONSTANT EXERCISE, OR I'D HAVE COLLAPSED A LONG TIME AGO...
THE ALARM! TO THE UPPER LEVELS.
THE RAIDERS...
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT...
CLANG
CLANG

THE CONVICTS RAGE TO THE UPPER LEVELS, WHERE THE TURRET BATTERIES ROAR DEFIANCE AT THE ALIEN INVADERS — FOR A LITTLE WHILE ONLY...
BY JUPITER! THOSE FORCE RAYS BLAST EVERYTHING THEY TOUCH!
MY ONLY CHANCE TO SURVIVE IS TO FALL — PRETEND TO BE HIT, AND THEN HOPE THAT THESE RAIDERS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, FORGET ABOUT ME...
THEY'RE GOING PAST ME! THEY THINK I'M DEAD! THEY'LL BE SEEKING URANIUM AND SLAVES! IF I'M GOING TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL, I'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW!
LEAPING TO HIS FEET, KENTON RUNS TOWARD THE ALIEN SHIP. A FLANN GUARD SEES HIM...
TAU SKITT BANTI!
I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT THOSE WORDS MEAN, BROTHER — BUT I KNOW IT ISN'T ANY SHOUT OF WELCOME!
SO I'D BETTER GET RID OF YOU IN A HURRY!
NOW TO FIND A PLACE TO HIDE AWAY IN HERE — AHH! THAT BOAT OUGHT TO BE JUST THE THING — —!
THEIR RAID COMPLETED, THE ALIENS BLAST AWAY FROM TITAN, BOUND TOWARD THEIR HOME PORT, SOMEWHERE ON THE RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM...
HERE WE GO! BRR... IT'S PLENTY COLD IN THIS LIFEBOAT! MUST BE FIFTY BELOW ZERO IN HERE...

CITIES & SCENES from the ANCIENT WORLD

by Roy G Krenkel



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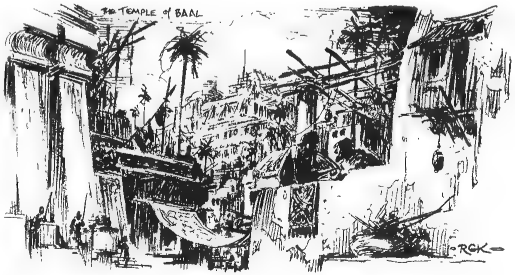

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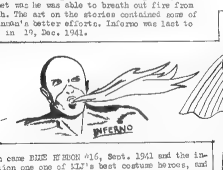
A Nostalgic Look at A MLJ PUBLICATION

By Raymond Miller

Last issue we took a close look at MLJ's first title which was BLUE RIBBON COMICS. This issue we conclude the BLUE RIBBON chapter and move on to MLJ's second title which was TOP-NOTCH COMICS.

BLUE RIBBON COMICS
CONCLUSION

Issue 13 June 1941 introduced Penny Parker, a female private eye, who would disappear after 15 and a new super hero called Inferno, The Flame Breather. Inferno had shared some adventures with Steel Sterling in ZIP COMICS before striking out on his own. He first appeared in the Steel Sterling story in ZIP #11. In ZIP #12 he goes to jail and in #13 he was reincarnated for purple. He was not in costume in these stories, but in BLUE RIBBON he was decked out in a bright red and yellow costume. While he was somewhat stronger than the average man, his main asset was he was able to breath out fire from his mouth. The art on the stories contained some of Paul Reinman's better efforts. Inferno was last to be found in 19, Dec. 1941.



Then came BLUE RIBBON #16, Sept. 1941 and the introduction one con of MLJ's best costume heroes, one of their most short lived ones as well...the colorful Captain Flag. As Howard Keltner once wrote, most costume heroes were out at the top and then lingered off into run of the mill fare but it can be said of Captain Flag that he was one of the few who improved with each succeding story. Had he not been snuffed out of existence by the skunt folding of BLUE RIBBON after #22 (which gave him only 7 brief appearances) who knows what heights he may have reached as time passed by?

Captain Flag started out appearing in the last story in 16, a 9 page orb in story, and he remained in that tail end spot till #17. With #18 he was moved into the lead spot and with #19 his stories were upped to 10 pages and he took over the cover all by himself. Since 16 he had shared it with Mr. Justice. With #22 he was moved to 11 pages, so he went out in a flash of glory.

The stories were written by Joe Blair and the art was split up between Jim Streeter who did issues 16, 19-22 and Bobby King who did 17 and 18.

In the origin story, a master criminal called The Black Hand, captured an inventor called John Townsend in order to get certain important plans from him. Then he couldn't co-operate, Townsend's worthless playboy son Tom is kidnapped so as to force his father to talk. Then the father still refused to talk, The Black Hand, in a fit of rage, decided the life out of him with his diamond clad fist right then and. Still in a rage, he next turned to the young Townsend, whom he had been torturing, with the core knocking in mind. But before he could carry out his second murder, a great giant eagle, which had lost it's way in the darkness of the night, crashed thru a window into the room, and in the confusion that followed, the bird, in panic, fastened it's talons onto the first thing it touched, which was Tom Townsend's trousers and flew off into the night with him. During the next few days, the eagle broke Tom food and he slowly regains his strength, strength greater than he had ever had before. When one day, the eagle just returned, not with food, but with an American Flag. Taking this as some sort of omen, Tom made a vow against evil in all forms, made a costume out of the Flag, and thus was born Captain Flag. With the giant eagle, whom he named Yank, he set out post the Black Hand, and found him in an old shack. During the fight that followed, a lamp was knocked over. Captain Flag escaped, but the Black Hand didn't or so Captain Flag thought, for he returned in the next issue, and the next before he disappeared, only to return in issue 21 and finally 22, in a battle at sea on a freighter. The Black Hand finally ended his reign of terror at the end of a rope. What adventures await Captain Flag, now Watch for him in the Next issue of BLUE RIBBON COMICS were the only that sonsonse in the last panel...readers are still waiting, and watching.

So, the editors choose to axe BLUE RIBBON after only 22 issues is still a mystery. It had good stories and art, top top notch super heroes in Mr. Justice and Captain Flag and a good dog strip in Rang-A-Tang but looking over MLJ's over-all history at that time it was apparent the publishers wanted to change

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their image for some reason or other. They either saw no future in the super hero, their books were not selling well, or they preferred a more lighter fare. Whatever the problem, the lighter fare was cut with the issue of Archie and company became soon after BLUE RIBBON was drooped, other MLJ titles started to add more and more humor strips.

One could see BLUE RIBBON COMICS was in some sort of trouble when issue #20 appeared on the stands. A weird type of tale called "Tales From the Witch's Cauldron" had replaced Inferno. Then came #21 and more changes. Now two True Life Stories had replaced Tryer and Loop Logan. But even this change could not save BLUE RIBBON as it was only Corporal Collins who escaped last he had just appeared in his last adventure in BR and not even Captain Flag, The Fox, Rang-A-Tang or the Rang-A-Tang Fan club hinted that they were on their way to Limbo. So with Issue #22 March 1942 BLUE RIBBON was laid to rest.

Last issue you read about the rise and fall of MLJ's first comic book title which was BLUE RIBBON COMICS. This issue we will take an in depth look at their second title. One month after BLUE RIBBON hit the newsstands, their second title TOP-NOTCH COMICS made its debut. Where BLUE RIBBON had failed after 22 issues, TOP-NOTCH would have a much longer run "thanks" to a format change in mid stream which would double what BLUE RIBBON had run and extend TOP-NOTCH'S run to #44.

Unlike MLJ's first comic, TOP-NOTCH had a full color cover from cover to cover and featured MLJ's finest costume hero...The Wizard. Created by the Shuster Brains, Al Avona, Collier once said, "Even though the Wizard did not wear a costume till issue 7, he still must be classified as a super hero". Starting out looking a great deal like Mandrake the Magician complete with tuxedo, high hat, cape and an enlarged red ring, Blaine Thatcher was ready to start his career as a crime fighter.

Blaine Thatcher inherited a portion of a prehistoric man from his father which gave him mental powers. [illegible] the girl of his dreams, Dorothy Lane, the Super-Brain, Whitney was the head of a newspaper [illegible] thing that never really played up and [illegible] started it wasn't designed to kill. After a while the "Super-Brain" part was also all but forgotten. During this early days The Wizard took on [illegible] such as Eagle Eye, High Hat, the Super-Brain, several rogue of the time [illegible] domestic crime. Owing his Super-Brain, he was able to read minds at this time were [illegible] many miles away. But as it was, the strain [illegible] on his mind, so a change was made and this change started to take place with issue 7 (pg. 10).

In TOP-NOTCH 7 a new threat to the Earth is uncovered. As the story opens, Blaine Thatcher is [illegible] down we to [illegible] plane, with Dot Super-Brain as [illegible] and [illegible]. A young of plotters collect the Locomotive are planning to attack Washington D.C. In Wizard the Black Hood and crooner Crover in trouble after the plotters house in bombed by mistake by their henchmen. Black, wanting to go his reason, had Crover transported a message to his to move onto Washington and forget about him as the plotters are ready to attack the Capitol. The Wizard then goes to the D.C. and there meets MLJ's number one star, the Shield.

The Shield has not been around as long as the Wizard, seeing as he didn't debut later than TOP-NOTCH, but the Shield, like Superman, Batman, Captain America and others before them set after him, proved to be a best seller from the start, and it never hurt to shoot star your "I here in the revealing

of a lesser regular hero, so it was only [illegible] commence when The Shield in at this point. After the customer meeting, the Wizard is sent to [illegible] Washington. The Wizard is opposite to break up the plot at Annapolis, then moved on to [illegible] where he [illegible] himself (another other character appearing in TOP-NOTCH, [illegible] as the Wet Pointer) break up a bombing [illegible]. The scene Colonel Moore. After this The Wizard's Super-Brain gets a new vision of his brother Crover being [illegible] by the Locomians. Back to his [illegible], he rescues his brother and pulls the plotters house down.

In the [illegible] Blaine and his brother talked over the day activities, when in another vision sees new aliens by the Locomians to attack and the rest of the story never like a full scale war with The Wizard fighting [illegible] everywhere and saving a city [illegible] from the Locomians. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Pacific coast to meet the Locomians's invasion forces and even he is self [illegible] for the court.

In TOP-NOTCH 7 August, 1940, the full change in The Wizard begins. The Wizard encounters the invasion plans of Chicago in mid-flight [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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WANTED: I still want any and everything on Comic Stevenas since 1940. Especially newspaper and magazine articles. Also, I would like to hear from anyone who can send me the article from The National Star #4. But please check your Sunday TV Sections for the last 2 months. Want Week (History) Column.

Nightmare and Sleepy appeared in CLUE COMICS #1 Dec. 1942 thru #15 May 1947. Pictured here is the original costume.

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G.B. LOVE / EDITOR

THE SPIRIT #1 - $2.50 - 76 pages - 8 1/4 X 11 - Available from Captain Company, P.O. Box 430, Murray Hill Station, New York, New York 10016

In the fanzine INFINITY #1 published in 1970, there was an interview with James Warren. Therein he was asked if there was any chance that Will Eisner's Spirit would ever be brought back. Warren responded negatively, stating that it wouldn't work to take a character from one period and put him in another. Apparently Warren has mellowed for he has done just what he said wouldn't work and has pulled it off remarkably well. With THE SPIRIT #1, James Warren has proven himself to be a publisher who knows how much control to exercise and when to keep hands off. He has allowed Editor-in-Chief Will Eisner to handle it his way, the right way. Although the front cover, oddly enough, isn't by Eisner, all the interior work is. There are eight stories presented, seven of them reprints. The reprints are well chosen as they are from Eisner's most creative period of the Spirit, the post-war period. The reprints are in black and white and printed from stats and are perfect; nothing is lost. The stories are tremendous, complementing the art, integrating themselves with it to present some of the finest examples of comic art storytelling that have ever been seen. Of these seven page reprints, "Li'l Adam" is one of the most memorable as in it Eisner satirizes several comic strips that not only were popular in 1947, but which still continue today! The stories are of many types, ranging from satire and humor to sober, serious social commentary of the subtle kind for which Eisner is famous.

The one new strip presented is a blockbuster from the word go. It's a seven pager in full color, drawn by Eisner but colored by the incomparable Richard Corben! It's a tale of the supernatural in which the Spirit battles his old nemesis The Octopus. The story is excellent, the art even better and the coloration is perhaps the finest Rich has done yet. The tones of color are myriad and they interweave to produce textures and effects that are mind boggling. There's a sequence of the Spirit in the rain on a dark night that is such a marvelous exercise in color contrast that it's simply beautiful! The entire strip makes ordinary color comics look dull and vapid in comparison as this is the way comic color should be done (and is the way it's done in Europeon comics).

THE SPIRIT is by far the best thing to happen to comics in the last decade and is a new high watermark for Warren Publications.

RATING 10 / JAMES VAN HISE

THE COMIC READER #104 - 40¢, 6/$2.00 - 24 pages - 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 - Published by Street Enterprises, P.O. Box 255, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

I'm glad to see that Michael Tiefenbacher and Jerome Sinkovec, COMIC READER'S new editors, are sticking pretty close to the format given to it by Paul Levitz. Although I feel the comic book scene is for the most part dead (especially since DC killed the only two good comics today, SWAMP THING and THE SHADOW), THE COMIC READER remains interesting.

Although the news section used to consist of little more than National and Marvel news, it has since expanded to include advance news of coming release from Red Circle, Charlton, Warren and even Aurora plastic due to their reissuing of super hero models. The companies are divided into sections listing just news and sections listing upcoming titles with stories and artist credits as well as numerous advance cover reproductions. There is also news concerning upcoming fanzines and conventions as well as a couple pages of fanzine reviews.

THE COMIC READER is really a valuable little zine for most any comic book collector.

RATING 8 / MARK BURBEY

CRIME SUSPENSTORIES #25 (EC REPRINT #6) - $1.00 + 25¢ postage - 36 pages - 7 X 10 [Full Color reprint] - Published by East Coast Comix, P.O. Box 21364, San Jose, Ca. 95151 [Available from the SFCA for $1.25]

This is the newest of East Coast's EC reprints, but it unfortunately is not one of its best. The one fine story is Reed Crandall's "Dog Food" as it has extremely good art, a splash panel which has an almost 3-D effect and is the type of EC story which is well remembered and invariably discussed and cruckled over. The rest of the issue is not so memorable. The cover is by Jack Kamen and is bad. It looks old, whereas the other art doesn't. That's the same thing that troubles the lead story by Kamen as it too looks like it's the product of another age, whereas the large majority of EC's greatness is based on the number of high quality stories that are timeless. Kamen's art is not timeless and looked outdated even in 1954. "Key Chain" by Bernie Krigstein is only a fair story at its best but is an interesting showcase of Krigstein's rather unique style and the way he played with panel breakdowns. "The Squealer" by George Evans is fair Evans, not one of his really memorable stories as it's rather average art on a formula story.

One thing I did enjoy in this issue is the "EC Artist Of The Issue - George Evans" which appears on the inside front cover. It's an updated biography of George and the photo shows him slumped over his drawing board as if he's been done in like one of the characters in his stories, or in this case perhaps like the character on the splash page which it faces.

This issue is an unfortunate example of reprinting the whole comic on the strength of one good story (such as SHOCK SUSPENSTORIES #12 was). It is not a very admirable practice as it delays reprinting issues that are of genuine value and interest. CRIME SUSPENSTORIES #25 should have been perhaps EC Reprint #25, but not #6. Come on guys, why not do some of the things you've discussed in the lettercolumns, like printing the 3-D comics in regular color? Now there would be an excellent idea. Why not follow that up instead of reprinting an EC comic just because it's an EC comic?

RATING 6 / JAMES VAN HISE

VINTAGE FUNNIES #34 - 12/$5.00, 26/$10.00 - 20 pages tabloid - Pubisned weekly by Alan Light, R.R. #1 Box 297, East Moline, Illinois 61244

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Reproduction is good for this issue, although at times seems to suffer due to the advanced age of some of the strips that are reprinted in each issue (1912-1945 is a long time, after all).

VINTAGE FUNNIES is "just the thing" for the comic strip collector. VF is on a par with the MENOMONEE FALLS GAZETTE and should be regarded as a welcome addition to any strip collector's collection.

RATING 8 / ORLANDO FALCON

EXOTIC FANTASY #1 - 50¢ - 32 pages - Published by Paul LeGrazie, Jr., 250 Garth Road, Apt. 7A3, Scarsdale, New York 10583

Sometimes I wonder why crudzines still manage to exist. The term just seems to be so out-dated to me. It just seems so insane to me that people will go out of their way to spend perfectly good money, as well as a large amount of time, publishing crap. All they need do is come into contact with a few good fan artists, possibly a couple good writers, and with that very same money they spent printing garbage that's not even suitable for bathroom reading, they could put out something really nice.

From its front cover to its back, the majority of this zine is nothing but crud. While there may be a few good pages here and there, there's not much I can say good about this book.

Most of the strips are done by W.A. Meugniot and most of it is pretty bad. I've seen this guy do some better stuff, but not much. He's just too crude. The stories are passable, but that's all.

If I had sent for this and paid money for it, I would be pretty upset.

RATING 4 / MARK BURBEY

FILM COLLECTOR'S REGISTRY March, 1974 - $1.00 - 20 pages tabloid - Published monthly by Earl Blair, P.O. Box 66393, Houston, Texas 77006

This publication is aimed at not only the serious film fan, but the fan who is a film collector as well. There are many ads here with 16mm sound films for sale and they're of all varieties. There are also articles on film personalities past and present. This issue features "Arlene Dahl:The Redhead of the Fifties", an interview with I. Stanford Jolley, an article on "The Sons of the Pioneers', a continuing look at the movie gangsters by Roy Bonario, "Hattie McDaniel" who played Mammy in GONE WITH THE WIND and a synopsis of the Johnny Mack Brown "B" western GUNNING FOR JUSTICE. All the articles are illustrated with photos. There's also reviews of current movies and of film oriented publications. FCR's non-ad material is increasing by the issue and what it presents is of high quality and is most worthwhile.

RATING 8 / JAMES VAN HISE

OAK LEAVES #8-10 - 25¢ each - 12 pages, 28 pages and 16 pages - 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 - Published by David Anthony Kraft, St. Michael, North Dakota 58370

A few issues ago in "Pulps" I devoted two installments to Otis Adelbert Kline. Much of the information there was supplied by David Anthony Kraft and his fanzine OAK LEAVES which is devoted solely to the writings of O.A. Kline. Kline was a writer in the tradition of Edgar Rice Burroughs and was a contemporary of Burroughs as well. OAK LEAVES is the ERB-DOM of Kline fans. It presents well written and researched articles on Kline as well as occasional rare short stories by him and even old correspondence which he carried on with various fantasy luminaries.

Issue #8 is devoted entirely to reprinting "Volunteers From Venus" by O.A. Kline & E. Hoffman Price. This collaboration was written as chapter eight of a round robin serial published originally in an obscure fanzine of the early 1930's! Even so, the story is complete enough within itself to be enjoyed, although a main sub-plot is left dangling. The writing on the story is good although a couple of the exclamations used such as 'Toenails of Thorth!" are absurd and interfere with the flow somewhat. The story concerns Kline's sword brandishing adventurer Prince Zinlo of Olba, who was the hero of the novel THE PRINCE OF PERIL, and involves a threatened interplanetary invasion of Venus. The cover of this, and two real nice interior illustrations, are by Steve Lelaloha.

Issue #9 is a special all SWORDSMAN OF MARS issue. Kline's novel THE SWORDSMAN OF MARS is held by many of his fans to be his finest work, Although some of you may have read the Ace paperback version of this, few realize that this was a greatly abridged version, abridged in fact to the tune of missing 12,000 words from its original 1933 appearance in ARGOSY. This issue not only covers all the major differences in the versions but reprints three entire chapters from the ARGOSY appearance that were deleted in later versions. This issue also has a glossary of the terms used in the story, as well as reprinting six of the original ARGOSY illustrations which are all very good. The cover of this issue is the cover of the ARGOSY which carried the first installment of SWORDSMAN as it cover featured one of the scenes.

Issue #10 is more of an average issue as it contains a number of different features. There is an article examining Kline's Venus stories, a comparison of Kline's original forward to THE PRINCE OF PERIL with the revised forward that appeared in the Avalon/Ace editions if 1960, letters Kline had written to Robert E. Howard and his father concerning stories Kline was handling for him, a short column concerning possible Kline/Howard collaborations and other short features including a list of current markets where Kline material is available now.

This is a good zine and it holds a lot of interest and enjoyment for the Otis Adelbert Kline fan.

RATING 8 / JAMES VAN HISE

INSIDE COMICS #1 - $1.00 - 40 pages - Published by Galaxy News Service, 11 West 17 Street, New York,N.Y. 10011 (Available from The SFCA for $1.00)

INSIDE COMICS is the "Rona Barrett's Gossip" of fandom, only INSIDE COMICS might be just a little bit more reliable. Some of the articles include an in-depth account of the "Superheist" of 1900 pages of original art-work from DC, including a statement from Neal Adams telling why he is on strike against National because of it. They also give a partial listing of the missing art.

A profile of ACAR (The Academy of Comic Book Arts) by Doug Murray delves into the true, and sometimes nasty nature of the organization. It seems that during the five years of its existence, it has yet to accomplish its most basic goals.

An interview with Crumb is the highlight of the issue. Interviewer Keith Green asks some rather intelligent and interesting questions instead of the typical, "When was the last time you did acid?", and "Does your mother know you take drugs?" At this very moment, R. Crumb is living on a farm in California and he insists he's a product of the past. There was one question Green failed failed to ask Crumb, "Don't you know California is going to sink into the ocean?"

Their revival of "George", the fanzine review column was nothing short of brilliant. But then again, why do we need "George" when we have this wonderfully intelligent column you're reading now? (If you take what I just said seriously, you're sick.) Reviewers Bob hapier, Jim Vadeboncoeur, Jr., Art Scott and Ron Harris are the best around. I think they must have reviewed every zine that came out since their own magazine folded.

The rest of the zine is more or less news and gossip. But who doesn't love gossip? If you like NATIONAL LAMPOON'S "Mr. Chatterbox", you'll love INSIDE COMICS.

RATING 10 / MARK BURBEY

SPECIAL EDITION SERIES #1 [WHIZ COMICS #7-28] - $9.95 - 324 pages - Published by Alan Light, Route One, Box #297, E. Moline, Ill. 61244 (Available from The SFCA for $10.00)

This is undoubtedly the most ambitious publication to appear from fandom yet. It features all of the Captain Marvel adventures from WHIZ #7-28, including the seven part Capt. Marvel vs. Spy Smasher serial. There are many different kinds of Marvel stories, some featuring Sivana as well as other criminal masterminds. There's even the battle with Capt. Nazi which leads into the origin of Capt. Marvel Jr., and this is an exceptionally good story. There's even several of the original ads WHIZ ran promoting the Capt. Marvel and Spy Smasher serials. The art on these stories is very good although the best appears in the Spy Smasher's and Capt. Marvel Jr. origin. The front and back covers are full color reproductions of two beautiful, vintage WHIZ COMICS covers.

There is a special two page introduction in which Bruce Hamilton talks with C.C. Beck about Capt. Marvel, comic book writing, and about C.C. Beck himself. It's very good.

The reproduction on this volume is also very good, much better than Alan's Flashbacks have been previous to this, although since this pub he's achieved results that are just as good.

So without a doubt, for all levels of Capt. Marvel fans, this volume is one hell of a trip!

RATING 9 / JAMES VAN HISE

UNTAMED LOVE - $10.00 - 36 pages - 9 X 12 1/2 - Published by Russ Cochran, Route One, Adel, Iowa 50003

I think Russ Cochran is doing the greatest service anyone has ever done for fandom. Granted, his is the most expensive product in fandom, but on the other hand, it's the best. Where else can you find the best art-work available printed large on the best paper available? Nowhere.

The front cover of this volume is the splash page from the story "Untamed Love" beautifully watercolored by Frazetta. The interior of this book reprints the story "Untamed Love" as well as three other Frazetta stories from the old comic PERSONAL LOVE. The reproduction is flawless as they a printed from the original art itself! Like its companion volume, THUNDA, the interior is in black and white to bring out the best possible detail and vividness of the art, and boy does it ever accomplish it! The stories are just typical love stories and are rather incidental at best and not really worth the bother to recount. But the art! Now that's something else altogether. "Too Late For Love" and "The Wrong Road" provide some of the finest examples of Frazetta anatomy I've ever seen, and the girls he draws are incredible as they're very vibrant and alive, very realistic, albeit very beautiful as well. "The Wrong Road" also has some nice scenes in a harbor with sailboats, cabin cruisers, and seagulls gliding in the sea breeze at sunset. "Empty Heart" has even stronger Frazetta than the previous two stories and is highlighted with some nice touches involving some incredibly beautiful statues in the back-ground of four scenes. Two of the statues are of warriors, one proudly erect, the other sitting with head bowed in grief. The third statue is of a mountain lion attack an Elk while the fourth is of a nude woman in a pose that bespeaks some kind of dance wherein she is surrounded by wispy, curling strands. Really beautiful. But as fine as these are, they are just a lead in for the penultimate, the maginficent "Untamed Love". This is the strip that is considered by many to be perhaps the best drawn comic strip that has ever appeared. The scenes of jungle vegetation and the thundering, roaring attack by lions seem to leap from the page as if with a life of their own. This one strip is the finest tribute to Frazetta's comic art genius one could ever hope to find. For years these strips, especially "Untamed Love", could be seen by only a few collectors due to the extreme scarcity of the comics in which they originally appeared. But now they are available to anyone, and it's become a Frazetta fan's dream come true.

Jim Vadeboncoeur said in "George" that he didn't think Cochran put out this book and THUNDA simply to cash in on the Frazetta market, and I agree with him. I feel that all Russ wants to do is provide fandom with some of the rarest and some of the best comic art around, and I think he deserves a lot of recognition.

I hope Russ continues these volumes as I'll support him all the way.

RATING 10 / MARK BURBEY & JAMES VAN HISE

BRINGING UP FATHER by George McManus - $9.95 - 180 pages - 8 3/4 X 11 1/2 [Hardcover] - Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017

Maggie and Jiggs, regarded by some as two of the most popular comic strip characters of all time have returned in a hard bound edition of the best of "Bringing Up Father" by the late George McManus.

The daily and Sunday adventures of Maggie and Jiggs are reprinted in this massive volume that recreates all tne fun, excitement and nostalgia that many will relive when they reread their favorite comic strip in this edition.

From 1913 to 1954, you will see the hair brained attempts by Jiggs to escape Maggie's flying rolling pins and her dead eye aim.

This edition, which brings back these two still very popular characters, is for those who really loved Maggie and Jiggs. For $9.95 they'd almost have to be married to you before you bought this volume. Those that really enjoyed the characters though will undoubtedly not pass up a chance to latch onto some of their favorite episodes once again, but those of you who possibly did not get a chance to grow up with Maggie and Jiggs will probably never really understand them. Either you thoroughly out and out fall in love with the characters or you downright hate them with everything you've got. There's no middle ground in "Bringing Up Father".

Reproduction is excellent in this book. There are no technical flaws. There's nothing wrong with the book itself for, as has been said, either you go for the strip or you don't. As a matter of fact, you might even learn something about American morals and history as you skim over four decades of life.

RATING 8 / ORLANDO FALCON

WHIZ #1, POLICE #1 and ALL STAR #3 comic reprints - $3.00 each or all for $8.00 - 68 pages - 7 1/4 X 10 1/4 - Published by Comic Reprints, P.O. Box 34305, Dallas, Texas 75234

This are black and white halftone reprints of the original comics, the entire issue, even including most of the original ads. They also feature the comic's original cover in full color, and the color work is excellent. The WHIZ and ALL STAR feature the best halftone work possible, every page is perfect. The POLICE is almost as good but a few pages, mostly in the lead story featuring The Firebrand, are slightly fuzzy.

WHIZ #1 of course features the first appearance and origin of Captain Marvel drawn by C.C. Beck. The art on this origin story is quite good and extremely atmospheric. This issue also features the first appearances of Ibis The Invincible, Spy Smasher as well as some lesser features. An excellent comic!

POLICE #1 is a quality comic and lives up to the name by being one of the best books to have appeared in the Golden Age. The lead story is The Firebrand by Reed Crandall and it's very good. This issue also contains the origin and first appearance of Jack Cole's Plastic Man. The other supporting features, such as the very interesting "711", are well drawn, with better art than many other companies lead features in the Golden Age.

ALL STAR #3 is a D.C. comic which features the first appearance of the Justice Society of America, consisting of The Flash, The Spectre, Doctor Fate, The Hawkman, The Sandman, The Hourman, The Green Lantern and The Atom, all circa 1940 versions. The art is mostly average DC Golden Age art, which is to say only fair. There is a seven page section though which features Hawkman by Shelly and it's very good.

These reprints are excellently done and are genuinely valuable additions to any comic collection.

RATING 10 / JAMES VAN HISE

WILL EISNER'S GLEEFUL GUIDE TO COMMUNICATING WITH PLANTS TO HELP THEM GROW - $1.95 - 68 pages [Softcover book] - Published by Poorhouse Press, 461 Park Avenue South, N.Y., N.Y. 10016

This book is a Will Eisner fan's delight. It consists primarily of cartoons done by Eisner illustrating the ideas delineated in the book. Although the cartoons are written and drawn by Eisner, they are based on scientific fact derived from genuine experiments. It's just that Eisner illustrates the ideas humorously, showing the discoveries concerning plants (i.e. How they respond to emotions, etc) with cartoon exaggerations. The book is introduced with a seven page article which presents the scientific knowledge about plants that has recently been proven, even describing some of the amazing experiments and their results. The front cover is drawn by Eisner and the book itself contains around one hundred cartoons in specific categories, all of which are highly entertaining as well as extremely informative. It is a humorous book on the surface, but scratch that surface and one glimpses great insights of knowledge.

RATING 10 / JAMES VAN HISE

WILL EISNER'S GLEEFUL GUIDE TO OCCULT COOKERY, THE SAUCERER'S APPRENTICE by Will Eisner with recipes by Judy Mann - $1.95 - 68 pages [Softcover book] - Published by Poorhouse Press, 461 Park Avenue South, N.Y., N.Y. 10016

This book leads off with an excellent Eisner cover picturing two grizzled witches standing beside a third rather sensuous one. The recipes are real recipes although certainly not of a genuine sorcerous nature. The recipes are divided into categories of Terrible Curses, Magic Charms, Preventive Spells, Miraculous Cures and Defensive Sorcery. All of the recipes are illustrated with a cartoon that supposedly demonstrates the recipe's outcome or the reason you'd need to use it. All of the cartoons are good, some really hilarious and they range from one scene gags up to two page stories, and most of the humor is rather mature. The cartoons range over all subjects, from social humor to sexual, and Eisner handles all with an ease and ingenuity that demonstrates him to be still one of the most creative men in the business of cartooning. Eisner has an intellect of ideas that is highly enviable in a new talent, much less one that's been in the business forty years. These books, coupled with his Spirit revival for Warren, show that Will Eisner has returned to the fold with a roar of thundering talent.

RATING 10 / JAMES VAN HISE

NARD & PAT #1 - 50¢ + 15¢ postage - 28 pages - 7 X 10 - Published by Cartoonists Co-op Press, P.O. Box 40474, San Francisco, Ca. 94110

It's always a pleasure to get something new in the mail from Jayzey Lynch, because whatever it is, it's always, without exception, great.

This, the first issue of Nard & Pat is significant in two ways. One, it's Nard & Pat's first solo comic, made up entiely of Nard & Pat materfial. Two, it's one of the first four books to be published under the Cartoonists Co-op Press Seal.

These strips are the best I've seen from Jay Lynch yet. They're the most funny and and are drawn better than any of his past strips. Some actually hysterical strips are to be found between this comic's covers. Let me name a few. "Once A Pet Always A Pet" is about Pet The Cat's pet turtle who he has taught to do such menial tasks as bringing him his pipe and slippers, his evening paper, and so on. What's really funny is the way Lynch portrays the turtle, yipping and yapping and behaving just like a dog.

Another great one entails Pat The Cat not being able to do one thing or speak a word without reminding Nard of his ex-wife, Vera. So, in an attempt to get Nard's mind off Vera, Pat pulls a really bizarre stunt in which he's balancing himself on a huge ball, honking a horn, playing with a fly-back paddle, as he holds a light bulb in his mouth, an American flag in his tail and a lamp shade on his head and then falls smashing against the floor. Wouldn't you know it, Nard says, "She used to do that, too!"

One thing that always kills me, I mean literally slays me, is when Pat The Cat is making a sandwich, or comes walking into the living room with a sandwich on a plate in one hand and a glass of milk in the other. I can't get enough of it.

RATING 10 / MARK BURBEY

LOCUS #156 - 40¢, 18/$6.00 - 8 pages - Published twice a month by Dena & Charlie Brown, Box 3938, San Francisco, California 94119

LOCUS calls itself "The Newspaper of the Science Fiction Field" and well it is. There is no other publication available which contains as much current, up to date information about the SF field as does LOCUS. It constantly lists books slated from the major and minor paperback houses that are due over the next few months. Although primarily aimed at science fiction, it also lists books dealing with related fields such as fantasy and horror. It also carries statistics concerning the number of SF books published the previous year as well as information for writers concerning new markets openning up for SF stories. LOCUS also lists various upcoming conventions and even occasionally reviews some of those which recently took place, such as the capsule review of the Star Trek Con that appears in this issue. It also carries news about writers conferences, closed markets, editorial changes (such as Sam Moskowitz leaving the revived WEIRD TALES to go back to editing QUICK FROZEN FOODS...no lie!) as well as running the Hugo nomination ballot and announcing other upcoming awards. They also carry news about SF personalities and what they have done or are about to do, whether it be a new book sold, a published interview or a speaking tour. There's also usually a good sized section devoted to what's up and coming from the media (primarily movies and television) in the realm of the fantastic and the speculative. This issue even carried information on the upcoming "Doc Savage" film, so they do try to cover as much as possible. This issue happens to be one of those which carries a long list of fanzines they've received in recent weeks, and since the fanzines listed are complete with publishers addresses and a brief description of the subject devoted to, then it's usually not hard to find a few worth looking into. Chances are you never heard of most listed and I've discovered some excellent ones this way.

With their change from mimeo to offset printing, LOCUS is now even better than ever!

RATING 9 / JAMES VAN HISE

PULPS

by KEITH GEBERS

THE ONE WHO FLEW ALONE

A horde of black Fokkers circled above Allied Supreme Headquarters, their drug crazed pilots tearing menacing through the haze of the night skies over Paris. Within moments each explosive laden plane would make a death plunge into the command quarters, taking its toll of liberty's best military minds. The bony hands of the pilots clutched the throttles and jammed them forward. Time for doom had come. But suddenly from out of the star studded sky above zoomed a lone mottled Spad. It slashed through the tight formation of suicide pilots, spewing death from its twin Vickers guns. Piloting that tiny plane was John Masters, secret ace of the allies, known to friend and foe alike only as The Lone Eagle.

From September, 1933 to the Spring, 1943 the Lone Eagle spread his wings across the war skies of the world. And although he lasted longer than most of his competitors, the adventures of the Lone Eagle are not considered among the three classic super heroes of pulp fiction. G-8, Bill Barnes and Dusty Ayres are far more famous, and looking back in retrospect one wonders why. None were better written than the Lone Eagle, the illustrations were technically capable, and the distribution was equal. But the Lone Eagle is frequently overlooked by collectors in favor of the others.

John Masters flew alone. He was not officially a member of the armed services, although he was really a Captain in the intelligence corps. He posed as a newspaperman, which gave him the needed cover to reach hard-to-get places. The Lone Eagle took his orders directly from the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, or from his friend General Tremaine. But even a loner needs a friend to help him out in time of need and to run interference. That fell to a Frenchman named Viaud, also a general.

And what about his enemies? The arch enemy of the Lone Eagle was a German undercover agent by the code name of R-47. But R-47 was a woman, a very beautiful seductive woman, but somehow good old John seemed to be able to resist those charms. I guess! At any rate he could always tell where she had been by the lingering scent of her exotic perfume, and it was admitted that he was dazzled (but not overcome) by her intense beauty. There were many other enemies, like the Lemmings, which were masked suicide pilots, but R-47 was by far the most interesting and frequent.

To the reader, the Lone Eagle was penned by Lt. Scott Morgan. This author was highlighted in virtually every Thrilling or Exciting air pulp. In fact Lt. Scott Morgan were featured almost as long as air fiction lasted. But in reality, there was no Lt. Scott Morgan. He was merely a house name of the publisher. Most of the stories were ghosted by F.E. Reichnitzer and Robert Sidney Bowen, two very prolific and well qualified aviation fictioneers.

F.E. "Red" Reichnitzer wrote most of the early stories. He had flown in the American Air Service in World War One, and had been shot down over enemy lines and held captive in the latter days of the war. At one time he had stood before a firing squad because he was captured in civilian clothes given him by a Belgian peasant girl, and was saved only when the commandant had a change of heart at the last minute. Following the war he wrote numerous military commentaries for various publications, and this was to continue during his entire stint as a fiction writer. Red Reichnitzer wrote for numerous pulp magazines under his own name. Some of them are the finest combat stories to be penned between the two World Wars. Reichnitzer was of German descent and knew well the conflict that went on in such families during the 1914-18 holocaust. His brother-against-brother and father-against-son stories that appeared in other publications are virtually heart rending.

Robert Sidney Bowen was also a combat pilot during the War. After the conflict he served as a newspaperman and was on the editorial staff of Aviation Magazine before turning to fiction writing. He authored Dusty Ayres stories and numerous other stories under his own name. His by-line was frequently seen in numerous mystery and sports pulps.

The Lone Eagle did something that no other super air hero accomplished. He fought in two World Wars. In February, 1940 with the "Nazi Menace" his adventures moved from World War One to the new war. At the start you got the distinct impression that he was a veteran ace, but later on rare mention was made of this. However, one of his first enemies in the new war was the daughter of R-47. She was beautiful, she was exotic, and she even wore her mother's perfume. And John Masters fought her with passion, fervor, and intensity. And that seemed kind of strange. Many of us who had followed the Lone Eagle for years knew very well the new villainess couldn't be anything but John Master's illegitimate daughter, even though the writers tried to give an impression that she was not.

Although the Lone Eagle was successful and had a long run on the newsstands it never measured up to the popularity of G-8, Bill Barnes or Dusty Ayres. Of course Bill Barnes or Dusty Ayres can't really be considered competition. Barnes lasted as a true pulp for little more than a year before being incorporated into the conventional airplane magazine AIR TRAILS. And Dusty lasted only twelve issues before he was shot down by the publishers as not measuring up to the companion publication, G-8.

Some may say that nobody loves a loner, and that may be true since G-8 had the comraderie of Bingy, Bull and Battle. But there were other reasons for the sluggishness of the Lone Eagle. It was a slow-starter. The first issue was released in September, 1933, but it was two months before the next was released. By that time G-8 was flying high. Then after February, 1937 the magazine went bi-monthly. In August, 1941 the publication s name was changed to THE AMERICAN EAGLE. In those days, remember, another real-life aviator had the title The Lone Eagle. And this man, Charles Lindberg, was being branded as un-American by the president because he said Germany's air force was the most powerful in the world. As the war years rolled along the super hero was losing his popularity in air fiction. Before war's end all of them would drop out, including G-8.

John Master's adventures were relegated to snort novelettes and the magazine's name was changed slightly to AMERICAN EAGLES, with single-snot stories getting the billing. Finally the magazine was dropped altogether, leaving Thrilling Publications with just one air fiction offering, SKY FIGHTERS. But this publication was to continue into the 1950's, and be the next-to-last air story magazine on the market (the last being WINGS.)

Then there was perhaps the most important shortcoming of all, the covers. Technically good. The early ones were done by Eugene M. Franzden, who also provided illustrations for FLYING ACES, SKY BIRDS, SKY FIGHTERS, and occasionally for AIR TRAILS. But they were merely aviation-type covers in a market already flooded by aviation magazines. G-8 had secret weapons, monsters, and hideous villains garnishing his covers.

THE LONE EAGLE magazine, however, did have some outstanding features. Each month an illustrated flying course was conducted. And during the early months of the magazine a comic strip was offered, featuring the air-war adventures of Speed Buck Barton, which was written and illustrated by Terry Gilkenson. This comic strip, which would be considered crude by today's standards featured panels with the story line printed below. Although Buck Barton was dropped in the summer of 1935, Gilkenson went on to do pioneer work in comic books.

John Masters flew as THE LONE EAGLE or AMERICAN EAGLE for some seventy-five issues. Although he didn't fly as high as G-8 or didn't achieve the fame of the short-lived DUSTY AYRES, he left a lasting impression on many pulp enthusiasts, especially those who loved air adventure.

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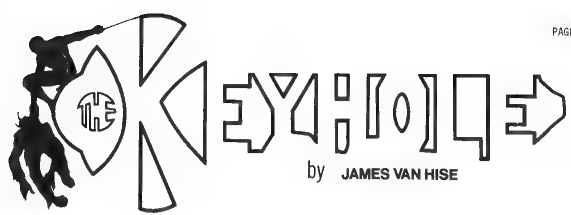

Don't be misled by the logo as I haven't taken over the column. Rather, Gary Brown, who usually writes it, was unable to make this issue's deadline so I agreed to fill in as there was too much news to pass up until next time.

LIGHTNING STRIKING AGAIN DEPT: The Comic Reader reported last month that C.C. Beck was working on a full length Captain Marvel story for SHAZAM. Actually, at the time they reproted it, Beck was still finalizing the deal with E. Nelson Bridwell. It came about because Beck had submitted a story to DC in which Captain Marvel encounters the Seven Deadly Enemies of Man. DC accepted it and assigned him to draw it but by the time the agreement was reached DC had very extensively rewritten Beck's story. Mr. Beck began to lay the story out but by the time he got to page twelve where they had Capt. Marvel flying along with Uncle Marvel hanging on his foot, Beck just couldn't go through with it. As much as it disappointed him to do it, Beck wrote back to Bridwell and withdrew from the assignment. He also told him that he might as well forget about any other story ideas he has as their idea of a good Captain Marvel story consisted of just Marvel throwing a few punches and flying around in a nearly plotless story. Beck also said that they had changed his story so much that what they had left in from his original version made no sense within the new context. They had turned a good story into a silly story. As of this writing C.C. Beck has not heard from DC regarding his withdrawal from the assignment, so it appears that they are once more giving him the cold shoulder treatment.

BILL FINGER, co-creator of The Batman with Bob Kane, died in February. Born on February 8, 1918, Bill's contributions to comics are many and much remembered. Despite Bob Kane insisting that it was he who created The Batman, that being his major claim to fame, it was Bill Finger who took Kane's idea of The Batman and suggested the addition of the bat-like ears as well as the cape, cowl and gloves as Kane's idea sketch originally had The Batman wearing a Superman-type costume. Bill Finger created,in collaboration with Bob Kane and Jerry Robinson, the character of Robin as well villains like The Joker, The Catwoman, Two-Face, Clayface, The Penguin. The Riddler and The Scarecrow. Bill Finger was also the main Batman writer throughout the forties, and also scripted Green Lantern, Wildcat, The Flash. In the fifties Bill left the comic field although in the mid-sixties his name could be seen as a writer on some of the new Superman cartoons. He returned to the comics field itself in late 1973 at the urging of Murray Boltinoff and Finger expressed interest in writing both The Batman and The Shadow since they were so similar, as Batman had after all been inspired by The Shadow. Unfortunately he never had the chance

SAVAGE TALES has returned and in case you're wondering over the inconsistency of Gil Kane's Conan story in it, it's because Neal Adams was assigned to ink it and came the deadline he was only half finished. Roy Thomas was then forced to have the remainder inked by anyone who happened to be around. Speaking of SAVAGE TALES, Conan will be leaving the book to star in his own black & white titled THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN. The new star of SAVAGE TALES will be a revamped Ka-Zar by John Buscema. Other new Marvel black & whites will include PLANET OF THE APES which will be half drawn by Mike Ploog, the remainder consisting of articles and interviews.

RICH BUCKLER has managed to achieve an incredibly atmospheric old Kirby style in recent Fantastic Four stories. Not only does the art hearken back to precentenial issues but the stories have also achieved that feel, even to the old Sub-Mariner/Sue Storm romance which had last been seen in F.F. in 1964! I myself had stopped buying the comic until this recent turn. Buckler will also attempt to infuse THOR with this same old Kirby style when he takes it over from Buscema so that John will have time to handle Ka-Zar.

THE SHADOW has taken dramatically bad turns under the handling of Frank Robbins. Nelson likes it though as he doesn't have trouble making the deadline as he doesn't take the pains that Kaluta did to put the character in the thirties and forties. Unfortunately it looks it too, for although Bridwell may still think it's The Shadow, it's not by a long shot. I myself was violently repulsed by what Robbins did on that issue, and I'd hate to see what the next one will look like.

MARVEL's search for new properties had them vying for STAR TREK when Western Pubs. contract was up, but Western decided to exercise their option and they thus continued with it. Not to be stymied, Marvel continues the search and is negotiating for, of all things, GODZILLA.

At a talk recently, MORT WEISENGER told his audience that Warner Brothers was going to make a Superman movie. His usual unassuming self, he said that it would have special effects "ten times better than 2001". It's uncertain how reliable this is since the only "Superman" Warner is known to be working on is DOC SAVAGE.

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A REPORT TO FANDOM-

LITTLE DID I REALIZE THAT IN 1970 IN AN ISSUE OF "WE" WHEN I TOLD THE SUBSCRIBERS AND READERS THEY COULD EXPECT A DRASTIC INCREASE IN "FRAUD" ACTIVITIES, THAT SUCH INCREASE WOULD BE **FOUR-FOLD** IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

SUCH WAS THE SITUATION IN 1972-1973 ...

NOW ... IN 1973 THE BUREAU PROJECTED THAT 'ALONE IN 1974, THE FRAUD CASES WOULD BE **DOUBLE** OVER THE PREVIOUS **FOUR-FOLD** INCREASE.

APPARENTLY, THIS PREDICTION IS TRUE ... FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, THE BUREAU HAS JUST ENTERED THE 161ST COMPLAINT, AND THE ONE HUNDREDTH OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED FRAUD COMPLAINT, WHICH IS INDICATED BY THE CASE NUMBER ASSIGNED AND THE NECESSARY FORMS ISSUED AS NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT PARTY

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR THIS INCREASE ... AND THAT IS WHAT THIS ARTICLE IS ALL ABOUT ...

FIRST ... FANDOM IS' GROWING THERE ARE MANY NEW FANS -- STRANGERS TO THOSE WHO ARE NAMES IN FANDOM -- SUCH AS THE BIGGER DEALERS AND OLDER FANS-DOCUMENTS.

SECOND ... THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS TURN OVER OF THE OLDER FANDOM ... THIS IS SAD ... MANY, MANY OLDER FANS HAVE DROPPED OUT OF FANDOM INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD, HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL CYCLE AND HAVE GONE BEYOND THEIR CONCEPTION OF COLLECTING AND WRITING FOR WHOM THEY ARE DISGUSTED WITH THE WORDMONGERING AND WHEELING-DEALING THAT HAS TAKEN OVER FANDOM, LIKE A PARASITE ... AND LIKE ANY PARASITE MUST BE FED CONSTANTLY ... ON THIS BASIS, THIS PARASITE CONDITION IS SUCCESSFUL ... AND WILL BE MAINTAINED -- BECAUSE OF THE 'GREED OF THE CREATURE ... AND HIS SO THE FREE AND EASY DEALING BY FANS IS A THING OF THE PAST;

THIRD ... AS STATED IN ITEM NO. TWO ...

G R E E D.

THERE IT IS ... CLEAR ... AND SIMPLE ... ONE OF THE BASIC REASONS FOR THE DRASTIC INCREASE OF FRAUD ACTIVITIES.

YES ... THERE ARE SUPPORTING FACTS TOO. IN TRANSACTIONS WE HAVE HANDLED, WITH EVERY ONE, THE LAZY ONE, THE TRUSTING ONE, THE WELL DONE ... THE DISORGANIZED ONE, THE CARELESS ONE, AND ... THE INNOCENT ONE -- ALL 'LIKELY TO BE VICTIMS OF FRAUD.

"SO ..." THERE ARE SEVERAL KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN FRAUD ACTIVITIES, DEVISING SCHEMES TO CHEAT YOU.

FIRST ... THERE ARE THE NEWYORKITZ TYPE -- STRICTLY PROFESSIONAL AND OUT TO GET YOUR MONEY OR YOUR COOPERATION. IT IS A "WAY OF LIFE" WITH THIS TYPE ... SCHEMING OF HOW TO PART YOU FROM YOUR MONEY OR YOUR GOODS IS THEIR "JOY OF LIVING." (OF COURSE, HE CAN LIVE HIGH ON THE RESULT OF THE PROFITS INVOLVED DUE TO HIS SUCCESSFUL AND CONTINUOUS SCHEMES)

MEYROWITZ [BY HIS TRUE NAME ARNOLD MEYROWITZ] HAS BEEN GOING STRONG SINCE 1961 IN THE WAS THEN 19, HE IS ALSO KNOWN BY HIS "ROOKIE ALIAS NEIL SCHARFF, AKA ALAN SCHARFF, AKA ARNOLD MEYROW, AKA ARNOLD MEYROW.

ALONG THE WAY, 'HIS' GREED CARRIED HIM TO A JOB IN THE POST OFFICE -- WHERE IN SPITE OF HIS CLEVER AND UNIQUE WAY OF STEALING ... HE DID GET IN TROUBLE ... BUT, HE CONTINUED WITH HIS SCHEMES, CHANGING WHERE AND HOW HE MADE CONNECTIONS, AND HOW HE CHOSEN ALIASES STAMP COLLECTIONS. AS WELL AS HIS REAL NAME ... HE WAS ARRESTED, INDICTED AND PLACED ON PROBATION. THIS WAS NO ARNOLD MEYROWITZ -- BY ONE NAME OR ANOTHER -- A CONVICTED FELON ...

SECOND ... THERE ARE THE "SCHEMERS" WHO ARE NOT THE COMICS, THE BUSINESS, AND THE PROFESSIONAL WHO HOPE TO CONDUCT A COMIC BOOK BUSINESS THROUGH THE MAILS, BUT REGARDLESS OF THESE FACTS, AND IGNORED BY THEM, HE BECAME A VICTIM OF HIS OWN DEMONS ON THE LINE ... THAT IS TO SAY, FUN- AND GIRLS SUPERMAN ... THEY HOPE TO SELL TO BUSINESS AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH HIS MAIN INTEREST WAS IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. IN THE DUE COURSE OF TIME, HE DISCOVERED HE COULD COLLABORATE WITH HIS GIRL FRIEND TO ENTERTAIN HIS STANDARD OF FUN AND GAMES.

AND ... THIRD [BUT NOT LEAST], THERE ARE THE NAIVE AND THE NOVICE TO THE WORLD OF FANDOM ... THEY ARE FASCINATED WITH "PROFITEERING DEALERS" WITH "SCHEMERS" AND WITH "THOSE" WHO PEDDLE "JUNK" AT HIGH PRICES ... THEY ARE BEGINNING TO SCHEME AS TO HOW HE CAN MAKE MONEY IN FANDOM ... CONSEQUENTLY, HE COMMITS THE SAME ERRORS AS THE OTHER TYPES OF FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS.

THE "NAIVE" ARE NOT ALWAYS TRUE TO CHEAT ANYONE -- BUT HE DID.

THE NEXT PROBLEM IS TO PREVENT THE NOVICE BY PROTECTING HIM EMESHED OR ENTRAPPED IN THIS WAY ... THE BUREAU HAS DONE SO. HIS OWN SAKE -- HERE, THE BUREAU RECOMMENDS "BEGINNING" SIGNS) OR KEYS) IN SOME OF THE BULLETINS, PUBLICATIONS AND MARKS AN IMMEDIATE ATTEMPT TO ASSIST SUCH A FAN. SOMETIMES WE ARE SUCCESSFUL-- SOMETIMES WE ARE NOT.

NOW COMES NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU FOR A CLEAR--CUT AND POSITIVE ACTION TO ESTABLISH, ESTABLISH A MEANS TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL, THE DEALER, FAN ... COLLECTOR OR POSITIVELY THE FRAUD SCHEMER ... , CONNIVER ... CONSPIRATOR ... AND TO PROTECT, DEFEND, ASSIST, OR TO OTHERWISE GIVE SERVICES NECESSARY AND PERTINENT TO YOUR WELL BEING AS A DEALER, COLLECTOR OR FAN.

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HERE ARE A FEW COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF N C B ... OR ABOUT TO BE ! ...

DEAR STAN-- ... IT'S A GREAT RELIEF TO KNOW THERE IS SOME ONE OUT THERE WORKING TO EXPOSE AND PROSECUTE THE CRIMINALS WHO STEAL OUR MONEY THROUGH OUR MAILS. I WISH MORE FANS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR SERVICE, AND DISPLAY AN OFFICIAL WSA "NUMBER". IF A STRANGE NAME IS ADVERTISING IN ONE OF THE FAN MAGS, I WOULDN'T DARE TO ORDER. I'LL PROBABLY BE THE INFLATED PRICES OF COMICS AND GENUINELY HIGH PRICES FOR SCARCE ITEMS THAT ATTRACTS THESE PEOPLE, OR PERHAPS THE WHOLE THING HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND -- COMICS AND RELATED ITEMS DO BRING IN IN-CREDIBLE SUMS -- ALL THAT MONEY AND THE PROMISE OF MORE BIG HITS OUT THERE, BLOWN GREED AND CRIMINAL ELEMENT. WELL, THESE ARE A FEW THOUGHTS ... I'LL END HERE WITH A HEARTY **THANKS!!!**

R K. , MASS.

DEAR STAN-- YOUR SERVICE DOES INDEED WORK. MANY PARTIES HAVE MADE GOOD THEIR **BAD CHECKS.** SINCERELY, R.B. - NEW YORK

ON THE WSA DIRECTORY, I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO INCLUDE THE 'BLURB' INSIDE EACH MEMBER, I HOPE TO SEE THIS DONE. **THANKS** FOR THE GREAT SERVICE YOU ARE PERFORMING FOR FANDOM !! SINCERELY, J.L. - FLORIDA

DEAR STAN IT CERTAINLY WAS A SURPRISE TO GET THE MONEY BACK--NEVER EXPECTED TO AFTER THIS LONG A TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. SINCERELY J.S. - VIRGINIA

DEAR STAN I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME GETTING TIRED OF BEING 'RIPPED-OFF' AND WORSE YET, OF BEING UNETHICAL. THANKS ...

M.M. - WISC

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY HUNDREDS OF LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE BUREAU IN TIME.

TO SETTLE ANOTHER MATTER BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTION ?

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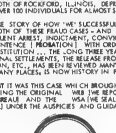
BUT IT WAS THIS CASE WHICH BROUGHT INTO BEING THE ORIGINAL WEB [THE REPOSITORY FOR **W**RB **E**VIDENCE] AS WELL AS THE SEAL OF APPROVAL UNDER THE AUSPICES AND GUIDANCE OF ...



AS THE PROPONENT OF A CODE OF ETHICS STANDARDIZING THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES USED IN DOING BUSINESS BY MAIL. ITS COMPANION OPERATION WAS AS AN AGENCY TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS.

THE ORIGINAL WEB WAS THE FIRST ORGANIZATION OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO REVISE, EXPAND, AND WIDEN THE SCOPE OF THE BUREAU.

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HOW SUCCESSFUL NCB WILL BE IN DOING THIS IS DEPENDENT ON **YOU** ... ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE THIS ANSWER ... ARE YOU WILLING TO SUPPORT THE WSA-WRB PROGRAMS AS ENUMERATED BY THE AGREEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP ??

DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT THE HOBBY THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW ? THEN YOU COME IT TO THE BUREAU AND ASK FOR FORMS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU IN **U** W.

THE BUREAU RECEIVES DOZENS OF COMPLAINTS EACH WEEK ... MANY CAN BE SETTLED IMMEDIATELY AS THEY ARE ONLY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, NUMEROUS OTHERS CAN BE SETTLED BY INQUIRY -- AS THEY ARE OF MINOR NATURE AND USUALLY INVOLVE NO LOSS DELAYS, AND / PEW INVOLVE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES -- READILY SOLVED BECAUSE OF THE FACTS ARE KNOWN ... BUT ONE THING IS SURE -- THE BUREAU DOES NOT CONE COMPLAINTS EVERY DAY THAT'S A FRAUD CASE.

THERE ARE SPECIFIC THAT ARE ALARMING' TO KNOW THAT EVERY DAY WE CAN COUNT ON RECEIVING THAT COMPLAINT WHICH IS ADDED TO THE GROWING PILE OF COMPLAINTS ALREADY DETERMINED TO BE FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES ... OF THE PART OF **YOUR FELLOW FAN** ...

WHO WILL BE NEXT ...

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU -- OF THE SILI ' NATIONS -- TO STEP FORWARD AND BE COUNTS YOUR WEIGHT, INFLUENCE, CONCERN AND DESIRE TO PROTECT YOUR HOBBY SHOULD NOW BE MEASURED.

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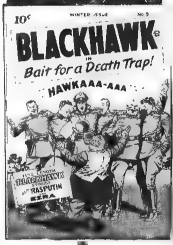

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Guests

If you thought last year's line-up was something, wait til you feast your eyes on the following roster for HOUSTONCON' '74. All guests are confirmed as of this writing.

KIRK ALYN - Famed film star of two Superman serials, not to mention Blackhawk and three other action-filled cliffhangers. Deservedly called by serial fans, "The Last of The Serial Kings."

ALAN BARBOUR - Author of many books on films and serials, including DAYS OF THRILLS AND ADVENTURE and THE THRILL OF IT ALL, founder of Screen Facts Press, and acknowledged serial authority.

FRED FREDERICKS - Currently the artist of the MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN strip and former artist for Dell.

JOCK MAHONEY - Former screen Tarzan and one of the greatest action stars of all time. His impressive credits include THE RANGE RIDER and YANCY DERRINGER television series, two Tarzan films, and many, many more films.

DON NEWTON - Former fan artist, now Charlton's top pro. Don will have some of his beautiful work on hand for sale and display.

DAVE SHARPE - Action ace and stuntman supreme. The man who supplied many of the thrills in such films as THE GREAT RACE, CAPTAIN MARVEL, SPY SMASHER, DRUMS OF FU MANCHU and countless others.

KENNETH SMITH - Artist and publisher of PHANTASMAGORIA, one of fandom's premier publications. Kenneth will have a large display of his beautiful work here at HOUSTONCON.

AL WILLIAMSON - Former EC artist and currently the artist of SECRET AGENT CORRIGAN. Al's beautiful fine-line work has no equal. Easily one of the premier comic artists of all time,

And if that weren't enough, we've got several more guests lined up awaiting schedule clearence. Which just goes to show you that we're pulling out all the stops to give you the best convention of them all.

JUNE 20-23, 1974

Films

Just ask anyone who has ever attended a past HOUSTONCO and they will tell you our film line-ups are among the b ever offered...and this year is certainly no exception. Already scheduled and confirmed for HOUSTONCON '74 are:

ANIMAL CRACKERS - The Marx Brothers in one of their funniest (and rarest) titles.

BLONDIE IN SOCIETY - One of the hilarious "Blondie" films starring Arthur Lake and Penny Singleton.

CHARLIE CHAN AT THE WAX MUSEUM - The wily oriental detec (in the person of Sidney Toler) in one of hi best films.

THE CRIMSON GHOST - Republic's action-filled cliffhanger starring serial queen Linda Sterling in 12 pulse-pounding chapters. Clayton Moore also portrays one of the main heavies.

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ISLAND OF LOST SOULS - The magnificent film version of Wells' "The Island Of Dr. Moreau", starring Charles Laughton. A classic in every sense of the tne word.

JASON & THE ARGONAUTS - Ray Harryhausen's fantastic anim masterpiece, featuring some of his best work In color, of course.

THE LONE RANGER - Thought to have been lost for over 30 years, HOUSTONCON '74 has uncovered what may the most complete print of this....the rares serial of them all. 15 masterfull chapters. Considered to be the best western serial eve made.

MARS ATTACKS THE WORLD - The feature version of Universa FLASH GORDON'S TRIP TO MARS serial starring Buster Crabbe.

PEARL OF DEATH - Basil Rathbone stars as Sherlock Holmes in one of the finest films in the series.

THE SPIDER'S WEB - Undoubtedly, the finest adaptation f from tne pulp media and Columbia's greatest serial. Warren Hull (who was perfectly cast stars as pulpdom's caped avenger in 15 blazi chapters. If you are a serial fan, don't mi this one !

SPY SMASHER - Fawcett's legendary comic hero comes to li in this action-packed Republic serial. Here your chance to see all 12 fantastic chapters starring Kane Richmond and featuring the su stuntwork of Dave Sharpe.

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TELEVISION RETROSPECTIVE - Some of the great television shows of yesteryear. When was the last time you saw SPACE PATROL, JUNGLE JIM, HOWDY DOODY, SUPERMAN, THE LIFE OF RILEY, AMOS 'N' ANDY, CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT, THE LONE RANGER, TERRY & THE PIRATES, or THE WHISTLER ?? See 'em again at HOUSTONCON '74.

O.k., that would be enough for most conventions, but we are not through yet! Just to give you an idea of the magnitude of our film program, we'll be using no less than three screening rooms to run all of the films! So, if you love films, you've got to be at HOUSTONCON '74.

Dealer's Room

Like last year, HOUSTONCON 74's dealer's room promises to hold the most frantic, fast-paced dealing you've ever seen in the southwest. With over 100 tables up for grabs, you'll see one of the largest arrays of comics, pulps, movie material, films, premiums...well, you name it. It's sure to be here at HOUSTONCON '74. And if you'd like references, just ask some of the people who were present at HOUSTONCON '73 about the dealing: Bud Plant, G.B. Love, Terry Stroud, Don Maris, Bruce Hamilton, Roy's Memory Shop, Larry Bigman, and dozens of others.

We are sure they will back us up when we say no other fan convention ever held in the southwest has ever equalled the dealing at last year's HOUSTONCON '73...and we'll be doing our best to top that in '74.

Convention Site

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More

There's a lot more to HOUSTONCON '74 like a giant gala costume contest with a $100 first prize, an amateur film contest with a $50 first prize, and doorprizes galore, including original art by Williamson, Newton, Fredericks, etc., auctions (with no percentage fee charged on items entered), art shows, and much more. But that's why we put out our HOUSTONCON Progress Reports, which will fill you in on all the fun to be had at HOUSTONCON '74. For a SASE, we'll be happy to send you one.

So don't miss out on the fantastic time to be held here, this June 20-23. It will be the convention everyone will be talking about for a long time to come.

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(the RB*CC information center!) by: Don Rosa

Howdy Snookes!!! After my first Information Center appeared I certainly never expected to be completely INUNDATED with letters of praise & congratulations, and reams of questions from subsequently stimulated readers concerning not only comics but also my recently inaugurated field of movies, TV, & radio! I never expected it, and, by golly, it never happened! Actually, I just received my subscription copy of RB*CC FLOW seven days ago, so it's probably a bit too early to expect any extensive reaction from readers -- but any day now I anticipate such a deluge of mail as to cause another increase in postal rates. Yeah, Sure. Yeah. However, I would like to thank the few readers whose complementary missives have trickled in here during the last couple days... in particular, I was honored to receive some kind words from the revered Dave Smith of the Walt Disney Archives. I think many readers may have appreciated the friendly "fun-to-read" quality that I'm trying to instill into "IC", and possibly this less perfunctorily executed information column will engender increased reader interest in the future.

I'm also very grateful for the courteous and generous aid I've received from such honored collectors as M.C. Goodwin, Dick Hoffman, Ray Miller (naturally!) and Jerry Bails. If anyone should be author of an information center it'S MR. Bails! Next to him I feel like chopped liver.

I can think of no more particularly cogent comments to make at the moment, so I'll start off with some old business:

RANDY MEDOFF -- Hartsdale, N.Y. (RB*CC #107)
IN WHAT CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER DO MOORCOCK'S "THE DREAMING CITY", "THE STEALER OF SOULS", AND "THE SLEEPING SORCERESS" FOLLOW???

Brian Prescott (who has several questions appearing later in this same column) was kind enough to send me the solution to that little puzzle: Michael Moorcock's "Elric" novels run in this order:

#1 "The Dreaming City" #2 "The Stealer of Souls"
#3 "The Sleeping Sorceress" #4 "Stormbringer"

Furthermore, I'm told that there was an interesting review of the "Elric" books in Marvel's short-lived pulp "Haunt of Horror" #1, June 1973.

JERRY BAILS -- Detroit, Mich. (#108)
DID RED RYDER APPEAR IN "WAR VICTORY" #1???

Good ol' M.C. Goodwin helped me out on this*n: "War Victory" #1 was published by Manly Comics, Inc. (Alfred Harvey, Pres.) under the auspices of the U.S. Treasury Dept. for the promotion of War Savings Bond sales. It cost a mere twentieth of a dollar (5¢ to the unwashed), profits thereof going to the U.S.O. and Army & Navy Relief Funds. It is composed of many comic characters, mostly in single page features or, in many cases, a single panel, all having as a central theme "Buy Bonds". Also featured in this Summer 1942 publication were 2 pages of Army-Navy insignia, and words & music to Irving Berlin's "Buy Bonds Today" (which probably didn't do much good for Irving's surname-sake). But although there were many different characters strewn about the 36 pages of this pamphlet, there was (listening, Jerry?) NO Red Ryder.

WAS NYOKA THE JUNGLE GIRL FEATURED IN CHARLTON'S "ZOO FUNNIES" #8??? (RB*CC #108)

A Robert Youngquist tells me that Nyoka is quite prominently featured in his "Zoo Funnies" #8; date: Oct.-Nov. 1954.

Undt dot's it fer der old business; now to der NEW business...

JIM WARREN -- Longmeadow, Mass.
IN WHICH ISSUES OF "FLASH" COMICS AND "COMIC CAVALCADE" DID 'MINUTE MOVIES' APPEAR??

(No relation to the monster magazine mogul are you, Jim? I didn't think so...) Since I just gave Mr. Bails that vital information on "Zoo Funnies" as gives me a hand here: "Minute Movies" shows up in "Flash" #1-58 (Jan. 1940 to Oct. 1954), and in "Comic Cavalcade" #1 & 2 (Winter 1942-43 & Spring 1943).

WITH WHAT ISSUES OF "WHIZ", "MASTER", "MARVEL FAMILY", AND "CAPT. MARVEL" DID THEY SWITCH FROM 52 PAGES TO 36 PAGES???

Fawcett switched back and forth from 52 to 36 to 68 pages so often that one would never know what to expect. With a great deal of help from Ray Miller I can tell you that "Whiz" was probably 68 pages till around #51; next it switched to a lil page "melt" before going to 36 pages for the duration of the Big War (I'm sure you read about it - it was in all the papers). With #72 (March 1946 "Whiz" went back to 52 pages thru #83, then became 36 pages again till #102; now back to 52 pages (except for certain issues like #110, 111 & 122, which were again 36 pages as were all issues after #125. (pant...pant)

"Master" was 68 pages thru #12, then probably 60 pages thru #47, then to 52 pages with #48-50; #51-55? were 44 pages and by #56 it was 36 pages. By #68 it was back to 52 pages and remained so till #118 (except for a few odd issues like #11, 112, & 116). After #118 it went to 36 pages.

Let's do this differently, waddiya' say?

"Marvel Family"
#1-41? 36 pages
5-60?? 52 "
except?
#50, 60, 44, 48, 52, 56, 59: 36 pages.
#61-89?? 36 pages

"Capt. Marvel Adventures"
#1-29: 68 pages
30-34: 60 "
35+ 58 "
36-41: 52 "
42-53: 36 "
54: 68 "
55-121: 52 "
except #105, 109, 113, 117, 120: 36 pages
122-150: 36 pages

If anyone ever asks me a question like this again, I warn you I'll lose my groceries!!!

ONWARD

WHICH ISSUES OF "WORLD'S FINEST" FEATURED TOM SPARKS &/OR THE WYOMING KID???

Wyoming Kid, a fugitive from D.C.'s "Western Comics" was in "World's Finest" #12 (Sept.-Oct. 1949) thru #63 (Mar.-Apr. 1953) when Tomahawk took over the spot in order to plug his new solo comic series and since he'd just lost his job at "Star Spangled" comics when it was discontinued. Tom Sparks, Boy Inventor began in issue #1.9 (Dec. 1950-Jan. 1951), but since I have a slight "cavity" in my "World's Finest" set, I can only say Tom lasted less than 10 issues. Both of these characters made cover appearances with Superman & Batman in their respective creators' classes.

WHAT COVERS OF "PRIZE" COMICS FEATURED YANK & DOODLE &/OR FRANKENSTEIN???

Here succor from Jerry Bails: Yank & Doodle were cover-featured on "Prize" #19 (Feb. 1942), 21-33, then with their dad Black Owl (it was an odd family) on #34-44, 51, 55, & 62 and solo again on #64 & 65. Frankenstein was on the cover of "Prize" #20 (Mar. 1942) and #65 (Aug.-Sept. 1947). Jerry needs information on the contents of "Prize" #5, 6 & 66 and he'd appreciate help from any willing readers.

BETTY BATES AND SALLY O'NEIL APPEARED IN WHICH ISSUES OF "HIT" AND "NATIONAL" COMICS???

Alternate back to Ray Miller for some help: Betty Bates was in "Hit" #1 (Oct. 1940) to #65 (July 1950). Some art credits include Bob Powell in #4, Mick Cardy in #5-10, and Al Bryant in #13-33, 45 & 46. Sally O'Neil was featured in "National" #1 (July 1940) thru #7 (Oct. 1941) making Sally the only character to appear throughout the entire run of the title. Some art credits on Sally include Al Bryant in #23-45 & 59, Gene Fawcett in #46, 47, 52-58, Bill Ward in #51, and Fawcette & Bill Quackenbush in #50.

CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION ON A NEWSPAPER STRIP WHICH I THINK WAS NAMED "BALKSMAN SAM" AND APPEARED IN THE 20'S OR 30'S???

Nope. I don't know old newspaper strips from a hole in the ground. But with 9/10 of the world population reprinting comic strips these days I'm sure someone will be congenial enough to send in some pertinent information. (?)

WILLIAM COLEMAN -- Norwalk, Conn.
WHICH SPECIFIC ISSUES OF "STAR SPANGLED" HAD JIMMY THOMPSON ARTWORK ON THE ROBOTMAN STRIP???

Asking me this question forced me to get out my old "Star Spangled's & come to a whole new appreciation of Thompson's art... he has a clean, crisp, "cartoony" style which should appeal to any fan of the Barks-Elmer-Cole school (like myself). Anyway, Jimmy O. Thompson art (signed J.O.T.) appeared on Robotman in "Star Spangled" #26 Nov. 1946) thru #32 (July 1947), not to mention the Robotman strip in "Detective" #138 (Aug. 1948) thru #151 (Dec. 1949).

WHERE ELSE HAS JIM THOMPSON'S WORK APPEARED???

Well, to make sure I get a complete answer I'll hafta' go to Jerry Bails again (I can't seem to even wipe my nose without outside assistance today); these are the strips J.O.T. worked on:

D.C. --	Two-Gun Percy, Rodeo Rick & other westerns	1949-54
Marvel --	Human Torch	1943-47
	Angel	1946-45
	Sub-Mariner	1946
Eastern Color --	Music Master	1943-44
Avon --	Wild Bill Hickock & other crime & western	1951-53
Street & Smith --	Danny Garrett	1943
David McKay --	2 page feature	Indian Lore ("Magic" comics) 1940
		Red Men("King" comics) 1940

Also: he was with the Jack Binder shop in 1942-43 doing (along with others on a collaboration basis)!: Fawcett --

Capt. Midnight (pencils)	1942
Mr. Scarlet "	1943
Mary Marvel "	1942-43

NOTE: Peoples who like this type of artist information should dash madly to the nearest mailbox and send Jerry Bails (187 Lakewood Blvd., Detroit, Mich., 48215) $6.00 for his "Who's Who of American Comics" Vol. 1; this work features extensive information on artists, writers & editors with names in the A - F range. Vol. II & III (G - Z) will be available for similar coin-of-the-realm around September of this selfsame year.

DAVE NEWMAN -- Louisville, Ky.

Judging from your address, I wonder why you didn't save yourself a dime on the postage stamp and call me on your phone, clown! Actually, Dave is a local friend who has a pair of coverless "Police" comics of which I could only identify one; I print the descriptions in hope a reader may be able to help out him the other. Let's have it, Dave...

PLASTIC MAN IN A STORY ABOUT A RATZI WHO HAS A WEATHER MACHINE AND CREATES A BLIZZARD IN MEXICO. ALSO FEATURED IN THE ISSUE ARE MASHUNTER IN "THE MERGER", THE HUMAN BOMB, THE SPIRIT, CHIC CARTER, 711, SUPER SNOOPER, AND PHANTOM LADY.

This poor ol' coverless comic at one time was a mint copy of "Police" #15 (Jan. 1949).

ANOTHER COVERLESS COMIC: PLASTIC MAN FIGHTS NEEDLES NOODLE; ALSO: DANDY, SPIRIT IN "DISTINGUISHED MEN PREFER ROSSCHPEIL'S BUTTERMILK", "THE SEALED ROOM" (TEXT), AND MANHUNTER. IT'S A 36 PAGE ISSUE.

PLEASE. Don't mention page counts! I still haven't fully recovered from that other question. ...But judging by your description I'd say that "Police" comic is one from the late 1940's. Anyone?

RICHARD CENTOLA -- Barrington, N.J.
WHAT TITLES AND NUMBERS FEATURED MOON GIRL???

R.C.'s "pre-trend" character Moon Girl appeared in the following: "Animal Fables" #6 (Sept.-Oct. 1947) (she was some animal!) "Moon Girl & the Prince" #1 (Fall 1947) "Moon Girl" #2-6 (Winter 1948 - Mar.-Apr. 1949) "Moon Girl Fights Crime" #7 & 8 (May-June 1949 - Summer 1949) (This title became "A Moon, a Girl, Romance" #9-12, and finally "Weird Fantasy" #13 -on.)(And THAT later became "Weird Science-Fantasy" and then "Incredible Science-Fiction"! Cripes!) Anyhow, art credits on Moon Girl include Johnny Craig and S. Moldoff.

WHAT IS THE LAST NUMBER AND DATE IN THE "JOHNNY DYNAMITE" COMIC SERIES???

Charlton's "Johnny Dynamite" lasted thru issue #12 in 1956.

HOW MANY ISSUES OF "VENUS" WERE PUBLISHED, AND OF THESE, WHICH HAVE BILL EVERETT ART??? DID VENUS APPEAR IN ANY OTHER TITLES???

Easy there! One question at a time! Atlas' (Marvel's) "Venus" comic ran #1-19 (Aug. 1948 - Apr. 1952). Covers and stories by the late, great Bill Everett appeared in issue #13-19. The character Venus put in just one other appearance: in "Marvel Mystery" #91 (April 1949).

DID FRED HARMON EVER DRAW OR WRITE ANY OF THE ORIGINAL STORIES APPEARING IN THE "RED RYDER" COMIC BOOK???

IN WHAT ISSUES OF "ALL-STAR WESTERN" AND "ALL-AMERICAN WESTERN" DID GIL KANE DO BACK AND/OR LEAD FEATURES???

Sasayy, I'll bet you're a Gil Kane fan, huh? J. Bails tells me Kane did Johnny Thunder (1956-61), Highthawk (1955-59, Trigger Twins (1951-52), Matt Savage (1960), not to mention Hopalong Cassidy -- all these for D.C.'s western titles, not merely "ALW" & "AAW", but also "Western Comics" and (of course) "Hop-Along Cassidy". The only ones you won't hafta worry about as a Kane-fan are probably D.C.'s "Dale Evans Comics" & "Jimmy Wakely Comics". As to your original question, Kane has work in just about every issue of "AAW" & "AAW" from 1953 thru 1961.

WHAT ISSUES OF "HAWKMAN" DID KANE DO (COVERS OR INTERIOR)???

None...
Rubert did Hawkman's appearances in "Brave & Bold", Murphy Anderson did him in "Mystery in Space" & "Hawkman" #1-21 and Dick Dillin & Chuck Cuidera did #22-27; Anderson took over again in "Aton & Hawkman" #39-45.

Naturally, the earlier "Red Ryder" comics were reprints from the newspaper, so you're referring to the later "Red Ryder" issues that were published by Dell thru issue #151 (April 1957) as "Red Ryder Ranch Comics". I have no definite information on this topic, but I would have guessed that Harmon was too busy with the newspaper strip to bother doing work on the comic book, also. However, I contacted the noted Dick Hoffman on this point: he, too, confesses to not having definite information on this, but it's Dick's opinion that Harmon DID do all the original art & scripts for the comic book. Dick says the comic turned into a family venture with photos of Harmon, his family, ranch hands, etc. appearing on the inside covers. Harmon apparently had close ties with the comic, and Dick states that as he recalls the art in the original stories he'can't ever imagine anyone but Harmon drawing the Red Ryder".

CAN YOU LIST THE TITLES AND NUMBERS THE YANKEE GIRL STRIP APPEARED IN??? THIS IS NOT THE SAME CHARACTER AS KITTY Kelly -- HER ALTER EGO WAS LAUREN MASON.

Gee, I wasn't aware of any other Yankee Girl besides Kitty Kelly... all I can do is keep looking for that information. But in the meantime, just in case you've aroused anyone's curiosity (and so I won't look like a complete clod) here are Mr. Kelly's appearances: Dynamic Comic Co. "Capt. Flight" #5 & 9 (May 1945 & Sept. 1945)
"Red Seal" #17 (July 1946)
"Dynamic" #23 (Nov. 1947)

CAPT MATTHEWS -- Gastonia, N.C.
IN WHAT ISSUE OF "CAPT. MARVEL JR." OR "MASTER" COMICS DID JR. BATTLE THE TRIANGLE MANIA? IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IN WAS THREE BROTHERS WHO HAD FACES LIKE TRIANGLES AND WAS POSSIBLY A 3-PART STORY.

I have not got a clue... anyone else?

COVERLESS COMIC: THE SPECIAL EDITION ISSUES KNOW: DR. FATE VERSUS THE LITTLE MAN" SENT BY THE TRIAD FATES; ALSO ADS FOR "ALL-STAR #2 & "NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR COMICS 1940".

An urgent dispatch comes from N.C. Goodwin identifying that as a former copy of "More Fun" #60 (Oct. 1940).

BRIAN PRESCOTT -- West Springfield, Mass.
HOW MANY SUPER TYPES PRECEDED THE APPEARANCE OF SUPERMAN, AND WHAT WERE THEIR DATES OF INITIAL APPEARANCE AND IN WHICH MAGAZINES???

Prior to Superman's public debut in summer 1938 there had been "super-powered" beings depicted in pulps and novels (in particular, Hugo Danner of Philip Wylie's 1930 novel "Gladiator"); there had been costumed heroes in the newspaper strips (such as Lee Falk's Phantom). But Superman was the first super-powered character in comic books. Up till that time, the denizens of the original-material comics had been a lackluster cluster of indistinguished detectives and ingenious adventurers.

COULD YOU GIVE ME A RUN-DOWN ON THE GOLDEN AGE HERO, AMAZING MAN. WHAT WERE HIS POWERS, HIS ARTISTS, AND WHERE DID HE APPEAR???

Centaur's hero Aman the Amazing Man's alter-ego was John Aman; the elders of Tibet gave Aman special powers when involved a green mist that would envelope the guy and enable him to fly. At time were on, the chartreuse haze also empowered our boy to do other spiffy stuff like walk thru walls and become invisible, and in time Aman gained great strength from his Tibetian sponsors and decided he didn't need the assistance of that emerald fog to pull those other stunts. At first, he wore no costume...later, however, he did himself up in black trunks & boots, yellow chest straps and a red "A" emblem. He appeared in "Amazing Man" #5 (#1) (Sept. 1939) thru #27 (Feb. 1942); plus "Stars & Stripes" #2 (May 1941) to #4 (Sept. 1941). Art credits include Bill Everett (1939-1940), L. Glanz (1940), Paul Gustavson (1941), A.L. Kiry (1940), Sam Becker (1940-42), and Lonergan (1941).

DAN LOMBARDO -- Hartsdale, N.Y.
WHAT ISSUES OF ATLAS' MYSTIC AND WAR COMICS DID GIL KANE DO?"

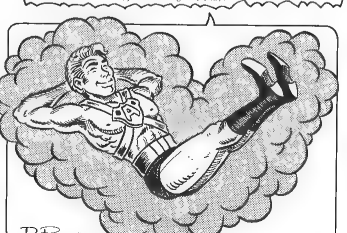
My stars and little comets! That's one heavy-duty question! And would you believe this guy didn't even bother to send me even the two 8¢ stamps I asked for, much less any 10¢ ones! Actually though, I'm still somewhat short of a complete set of Atlas horror comics -- and I don't have ANY Atlas war comics; so that question is a bit over my head (say, roughly a light year-and-a-half). I wish I had one of those Atlas Indexes I saw for sale some months back...who was selling that thing??? But to placate any disappointed Kane-fans, I offer some interesting information that Jerry Bails sent in: any Kane fan should know that Gil's real name is Eli Katz, but during the 40's you'll find his working under these various pseudonyms -- Al Stak, Al Stack, Al Kane, Gil Stack, Gil Kane, and possibly Pen Star (this guy must be wanted for somethin').

WHAT ISSUES OF "REX, THE WONDER DOG" DID KANE DO???

Better you should ask, what issues DIDN'T Kane do. Gil Kane, due to his skill with depicting dynamic anatomy (animal as well as hoomin bean) was featured in each issue of "Rex" from #1 (Jan.-Feb. 1952) thru #16 (Nov.-Dec. 1955). "Rex" is my nomination for the all-time most under-rated comic (along with the D.C. war line); this comic was produced by the same hands that did D.C.'s sci-fi comics of the same period. In fact, the Rex stories in #11, 13, 15, 17, & 21 dealt with the preternaturals...and issues #31, 33, 41, & 43-46 actually involved trips into outer space, aliens & Buck Carson Infantino did "Detective Chimp" in #15-46 and (as the one known as Sterno once agreed with me) there were fantastic "wash" covers surpassing any others of the same period featured on issues #31, 38, 39 & 42.

WHAT WAS THE DATE OF "ALL-STAR WESTERN" #8, AND "ALL-AMERICAN #120???

I can only guess at what the significance of these two issues is, but "ASW" #8, was Aug.-Sept. 1955 and "AAW" #120 was June-July 1951.



WHAT DID SIEGEL & SHUSTER DO AFTER THEY CREATED SUPERMAN??; AND DID THEY CREATE ANY OF HIS CHARACTERS BESIDES SUPERMAN???

Siegel & Shuster had been working on Superman as far back as 1933, but prior to his first appearance in June 1938 ("Action" #1) Mr. S and Mr. S had worked on various other comic book characters such as Slam Bradley, Spy, Federal Men, Radio Squad, Henri Duval, and Dr. Occult ("More Fun"). Dr. Occult, incidently, was a special powered character which preceded Superman's debut -- if magic powers conform to your idea of super-powers). Siegel and Shuster also created a rather unorthodox hero Funnyman for Magazine Enterprises; he appeared in "Funnyman" #1 (Jan. 1948) to #7 (Aug. 1948). And Jerry Siegel has done other comic scripting and "creating" for such lines as Archie's Mighty Comics.

MIKE SCORZELLI -- Bronx, N.Y.

I remember an old issue of BATMAN (FROM THE 1950'S) IN WHICH BATMAN & ROBIN MET JULES VERNE. COULD YOU TELL ME THE ISSUE # AND ALSO WHAT WERE THE OTHER STORIES IN THE COMIC???

Well, I haven't had any luck finding it. I can say that it wasn't in "Batman" comics or "World's Finest" -- musta' been in one of the "Detectives" from the early 1950's that I lack. Anyone?

DO WHICH MID-FIFTIES ISSUE OF "TOMAHAWK" DID THE STORY "BIRTH OF THE WHITE BUFFALO", CO-STARRING YOUNG DAVY CROCKETT, APPEAR???

My collection of "Tomahawk"s is kinda' pathetic, but I can say this much: D.C. was printing the "Frontier Fighters" starring Davy Crockett beginning in late 1955; and I do have a "Tomahawk" #36 (Nov. 1955) featuring "The Return of Young Davy Crockett". Those appearances of Crockett in "Tomahawk" were probably intended to plug "Frontier Fighters" which had just begun publication, so I'd guess that first Davy Crockett tale was in "Tomahawk" #36 or 35 or thereabouts. (I doubt if I'd wanna' believe anything more than a "Pres" #4 on the reliability of that answer.)

I HAVE A COVERLESS, MID-TO-LATE 1940'S ISSUE OF "BATMAN" WHICH I'D LIKE YOU TO IDENTIFY. IT CONTAINS "NINE LIVES HAS THE CATWOMAN", "DINOSAUR ISLAND", AND "DICK GRAYSON, ANTHONY", ALL OF THE STORIES SEEM TO BE DRAWN BY THE SAME ARTIST OR COMBINATION OF ARTISTS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE ARTIST, ALSO??? IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE KANE, ROBINSON, SPRANG OR ANY OTHER ARTIST THAT I RECOGNIZE.

First off, that's "Batman" #35 (June-July 1946); incidently, that last tale "Dick Grayson, Author" involves Dick writing scripts for things called comic books. Now that you mention it, that art style does look a bit unusual -- it's dissimilar to any other "Batman" issues of that time period -- but the Ray Miller can tell me, if he's got a copy of it. I'll get sholt of 'im...

CAN YOU PINPOINT THIS COVERLESS "ACTION ??? IT HAS SUPERMAN IN "THE MACHINES OF CRIME", TOMMY TOMORROW IN "THE MAN WHO STOPPED SPACE-FLIGHT", AND VIGILANTE IN "THE OUTLAW EDITOR". I BELIEVE IT'S FROM THE EARLY 1950'S.

Since that's not any of the issues I have, about the best I could do is tell you a few issues it's not. Anyone???

CAN YOU LIST THE CONTENTS OF "BATMAN" #11?"?

by all means: "Batman" #11 (June-July 1942)
(1) "The Want-ad Crimes" (my own title) w/ Joker; 13 pages
(2) "Payment in Full"; 13 pages
(3) "Bandits in Toyland"; 13 pages
(4) "Four Birds of a Feather" w/ Penguin; 13 pages
plus: "Clancy the Cop" by Murray Boltinoff; 1 page
"Crane's" by ?; ½ page
"Hellin Stone" by Ray McGill; 1 page
"All the Angles" (text) by Edgar Wilson; 2 pages
"Grampa Peters" by Tom McNamara; 2 pages
also in this issue: something which would be an oddity by today's standards -- an ad for "Prize" comics published by Prize Comic Co. A rival publisher. (1)

Bill Blyberg of Acton, Mass. has actually requested that I do one of my indexes, so, because of Mr. Blyberg's foolishness, you're ALL going to suffer! Mr. B has interest in the Marvel pre-super-hero line of the late 50's & early 60's ("Amazing Adventures", "Tales to Astonish", "Tales of Suspense", "Strange Tales", etc.). Some of these have some great material, especially the one I'm starting out with...
(e = cover featured story)

AMAZING ADVENTURES

#1: June 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"Torr"e (part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Midnight in the Wax Museum" Ditko 5 "
"I Am the Fantastic Dr. Droom" (first of a series; origin Dr. Doom) Kirby & Ditko 5 "

#2: July 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"I Led the Strange Search for Mamoo"e Kirby + Ayers (part I & II) 13 pages
"The World Below" (Dr. Droom) Kirby + Ayers 5 "
"Rocky's Last Ride" Ditko 5 "

#3: Aug. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"We Were Trapped in the Twilight World"e(part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Teddy Bear" Ditko 5 "
"Dr. Droom Meets Zemu" (Dr. Droom) Kirby + Ayers 5 "

#4: Sept. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"I Am Robot X"e (part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Who or What Was...the Scrubklutz?" Ditko 5 "
"What Lurks Within?" (Dr. Droom) Kirby + Ayers 5 "

#5: Oct. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"The Escape of Monstoreso!"e (part I & II) Kirby 13 pages
"The Watchers" Don Heck 5 "
"The Joker!" Ditko 5 "

#6: Nov. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"SSSSPOT"e (part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Fourth Man" Ditko (& Lee) 5 "
"Arogg!" (Dr. Droom) Paul Reinman (blech) 5 "

#7: Dec. 1961; title change to "Amazing Adult Fantasy" cover: Ditko
"Why Won't They Believe Me?" art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"The Last Man on Earth" " " 5 "
"Witch Hunt" " " 3 "
"Journey's End" " " 5 "
"The Icy Fingers of Fear"e " " 5 "
plus: contents page & preview page

#8: Jan. 1962 cover: Ditko
"The Coming of the Krille"art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"Everyone Likes a Ghost Story" " " 5 "
"The Eyes of Edward Morgan" " " 3 "
"The Yo-Yo" " " 5 "
"A Monster Among Us" " " 5 "
plus: contents page & preview page

#9: Feb. 1962 (first 12¢) cover: Ditko
"The Terror of Tim boo Ba"art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"The Man Who Captured Death" " " 5 "
"I Came from the Black Void" " " 3 "
"The Spirit of Sward River" " " 5 "
"The Genie Lives" " " 5 "
plus: contents & preview

#10: March 1962 cover: Ditko
"Those Who Change' art:Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"The Mark of the Toad" " " 5 "
"No Sign of Life" " " 3 "
"Man on a Tightrope" " " 5 "
"Mister Universe" " " 5 "
plus: contents & preview

#11: April 1962 cover: Ditko
"In Human Form"e art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"For the Best of Your Life!" " " 5 "
"The Secret of the Universe" " " 3 "
"The Ice-Monster Cometh" " " 5 "
"Where Walks the Ghost" " " 5 "
plus: contents & announcement of forthcoming letters page.

#12: May 1962 cover: Ditko
"Melvin & the Martian" art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"I, the Gargoyle" " " 5 "
"Something Fantastic?" (starring Ditko & Lee) " " 3 "
"The Plague!" " " 5 "
"The Living Statues"e " " 5 "
plus: contents & letters pages

#13: June 1962 cover: Ditko
"The Unsuspecting" art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"Great Zeus" " " " 5 "
"The Little Gypsy Tea Room" " " " 5 "
"The Ultimate Weapon" " " " 5 "
"At the Stroke of Midnight"* " " " 5 "
plus: contents & letters pages

#14: July 1962 cover: Ditko
"Beware the Giants!"* art: Ditko; script: Lee 5 pages
"The Man in the Sky" " " " 5 "
"What Happened in the Wax Museum?" " " " 5 "
"Footsteps at Midnight!" " " " 5 "
"Crazy, the Mighty" " " " 5 "
plus: contents & letters pages

#15: Aug. 1962 cover: (Spider-man) Kirby & Ditko
"Spider-man"s (origin & first appearance) Ditko 11 pages
"The Bell-Ringer!" art: Ditko; script: Lee 3 "
"Man in the Mummy Case" " " " 5 "
"There are Martians Among Us!" " " " 5 "

TALES of ASTONISH

#1: Jan. 1959 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"We Found the Ninth Wonder of the World"* Kirby 7 pages
"I Know the Secret of the Poltergeist" Ditko 6 "
"The Mystery Planet" Reinman? & ? 5 "
"I Foiled an Enemy Invasion" Jack Davis 5 "

#2: March 1959 cover: Ditko
"When Aliens Meet" Don Heck 5 pages
"I Fell to the Center of the Earth" Sinnott? 5 "
"I Was a Man in Hiding" Buscema 5 "
"I Spent Eternity in a Deep Freeze!" Forgione 4 "
"My Job: Capture a Martian"* Sinnott 5 " "

#3: May 1959 cover: Kirby
"I Journeyed Back to the 20th Century" Ditko 5 pages
"I Discovered the Man from Mars!" Sinnott 5 "
"I Found the Perfect Hiding Place in Space!" 4 "
"I Am the Giant from Outer Space!"* Reinman 4 "
"I Escaped to the Stars" Bob Forgione 5 "

#4: July 1959 cover: Kirby
"I Was a Prisoner of the Martians!"* Sinnott 5 pages
"My Forbidden Paintings!" Don Heck 5 "
"I Made Time Stand Still" 4 "
"I Love a Mermaid!" Forgione 4 "
"The Man Who Floats in Space!" Ditko 5 "

#5: Sept. 1959 cover: Kirby
"I Was Trapped by the Things on Easter Island"* Kirby 5 pages
"I Am the Menace from Outer Space!" Sinnott 5 "
"I Can See Tomorrow!" Heck 4 "
"I Found the Nightmare Note" Al Williamson 4 "
"I Landed on the Forbidden Planet!" Ditko 5 "

#6: Nov. 1959 cover: Kirby
"I Saw the Invasion of the Stone Men"* Ditko 5 pages
"I Was the Man Under Glass!" Sinnott 5 "
"I Laughed at the Great God, Pan!" Kirby & Forgione 4 "
"I Became a...Human Bomb!" Reinman 4 "
"I Was a Prisoner of the Living Statues!" Forte 5 "

#7: Jan. 1960 cover: Ditko(& Kirby?)
"He Waits for Us in the Glacier!" Heck 5 pages
"We Met in the Swamp!" Kirby & Ditko 5 "
"I Lived a Ghost Story!" Reinman 4 "
"I Saw the Other World!" Dick Ayers 4 "
"The Thing on Bald Mountain!"* Ditko 5 "

#8: March 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Dared Defy the Floating Head" Reinman 6 pages
"I Live Again!" Ditko 6 "
"I-Am-the-Genie!" Kirby & Ditko 6 "
"MUMMEX--- King of the Mummies!"* Heck 6 "

#9: May 1960 cover: Kirby
"Return of the Genie!" (sequel to last issue's "I-Am-the-Genie!") Kirby 6 pages
"No Way Out" Ditko 5 "
"I Saw DROOM the Living Lizard!"* (?) Heck 7 "
"Fangs of the Bear" Doug Wildey 5 "

#10: July 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Was Trapped by TITANO"* Kirby & Reinman? 7 pages
"Only I Know When the World Will End!!" Heck 6 "
"Something Lurks Inside!" Ditko 5 "
"What Was the Strange Power of Simon Bruddl!" Kirby 5 "

#11: Sept. 1960 cover: Kirby
"MONSTROM! The Dweller in the Black Swamp!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"The Forbidden Robot!" Heck 6 "
"I Dared to Look into the Beyond!" Kirby & Ditko & ? 5 "
"I Wore...the Mask of Brother!" Ditko 5 "

#12: Oct. 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Discovered GORGILLA!"* Ditko & Kirby 7 pages
"My Nightmare Has No End!" Heck 6 "
"Save Me! Save Me!" Reinman 5 "
"A Monster Waits Outside!" Ditko 5 "

#13: Nov. 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Challenged... GROOT!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"I Found the Abominable Snowman!" Kirby & Ditko 6 "
"My Friend is...Not Quite Human!" Ditko 5 "
"I Found the Hidden World!" Heck 5 "

#14: Dec. 1960 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"I Created KRANG!"*(2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Behold! I Am the Master of Time!" Ditko 5 "
"The Thing in Human Form!" Heck 5 "

#15: Jan. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ayers
"The BLIP!"* Kirby & Ayers 7 pages
"I Dared Enter the Forbidden World!" Heck 6 "
"I Am the Invisible!" Ditko 5 "
"I Defied the Curse of Tut-Ah-Amka!" Reinman 5 "

#16: Feb. 1960 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"THORR the Unbelievable"* Kirby & Ayers 7 pages
"My Touch Means...Doom!" Heck 6 "
"Save Me From the Mole Men!" Reinman 5 "
"I am the Victim of the Sorcerer!" Ditko 5 "

#17: March 1961 cover: Kirby
"VANDOOM!"*(part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Beware! Of the Ghastly Glass!" Ditko 5 "
"I Dared to Enter the Haunted Room!" Heck 5 "

#18: April 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"GORGILLA Strikes Again!"*sequel to "I Discovered GORGILLA" in issue #12 Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"MONSTERSOL!" Ditko 5 "
"Robot on the Rampage!" Ditko 5 "

#19: May 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"KOMMEU!"*(part I & II) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Thing With Red Eyes" Heck 5 "
"The Terrible Trap!" Ditko 5 "

#20: June 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"'X' the Thing that Lived"*(4 parts) Kirby 18 pages
"One-Way Journey" Ditko 5 "

#21: July 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"TROLL! The Inhuman!"*(2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Silent Screen" Ditko (& Lee) 5 "
"Open Wider, Please!" Heck 5 "

#22: Aug. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"The Crawling Creature!"*(2 parts) " + " 13 pages
"Help!" "Heck!" 5 "
"For Whom the Drum Beats!" Ditko 5 "

#23: Sept. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"MOOMBA"* (2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Less than Human" Heck 5 "
"The Voice from Nowhere!" Ditko 5 "

#24: Oct. 1961 cover: Kirby
"The Abominable Snowman!"*(2 parts) Kirby 13 pages
"Something Missing!!" Heck 5 "
"He Waits in the Dark!" Ditko 5 "

#25: Nov. 1961 cover: Kirby
"The Creature from ERGOARR!"* Kirby 7 pages
"Behold Him! He is the Martian!" Kirby 6 "
"The Gypsy's Revenge!" Heck 5 "
"Where Lurks the Ghost?" Ditko 5 "

#26: Dec. 1961 cover: Kirby (scenes from 2 stories)
"The Four-Armed Men!"* Kirby 7 pages
"He Walked Through Walls!"* Kirby 6 "
"Run, Rocky, Run!" Bob Forgione 5 "
"Dream World" (follow-up to "Silent Screen" from #21; [illegible])

#27: Jan. 1962 cover: (Hank Pym) Kirby
"The Man in the Ant Hill"* (first appearance of Henry Pym -- Antman) Kirby 7 pages
"Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall..." Heck 6 "
"The Talking Horse" Forgione 5 "
"Dead Planet!" (another "A.A.F." promo) Ditko 5 "

#28: Feb. 1962 cover: Kirby (strip form)
"I Am the...Gorilla-Man!"* Kirby 7 pages
"Midnight on Haunted Hill" Kirby 6 "
"The Scheme!" Gene Colon 5 "
"The Frightening Fog" ("A.A.F." promo) Ditko 5 "

#29: March 1962 cover: Kirby
"When the Space Beasts Attack!!"* Kirby 7 pages
"The Man Who Blew Up the Earth!" Kirby 6 "
"What Happened to Harry?" Kirby? + Ayers 5 "
"The Last Laugh!" ("A.A.F." promo) Ditko 5 "

#30: April 1962 cover: Kirby (scenes from 2 stories)
"The Return of the Gorilla-Man!"*(from #28)Kirby 7 pages
"The Thing from the Hidden Swamp!"* Kirby 6 "
"The 13th Floor" Heck 5 "
"QUOOG" ("A.A.F." promo) Ditko 5 "

#31: May 1962 cover: Kirby
"When the Mummy Walks"* Kirby 7 pages
"It Fell from the Flying Saucer!" Kirby 6 "
"The Man of Iron!"("AAF" promo)Ditko 5 "
"The Pretender!" Paul Reinman 5 "

#32: June 1962 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"Quicksand!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"The Bully Boy!" Kirby 6 "
"The Girl in the Black Hood!" Heck 5 "
"I AM a Martian!"("AAF" promo) Ditko 5 "

#33: July 1962 cover: Kirby & ?
"Dead Storage"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"The Frightened Man!" Kirby + Ayers 6 "
"The Voice of Fate!" Heck 5 "
"The Absent-Minded Professor!" Ditko 5 "

#35: Aug. 1962 cover: Kirby & Ayers
"A Monster at My Window!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"The Strange Fate of the Statue Maker!" Kirby 6 "
"The Invaders" Ditko 5 "

#36: Sept. 1962 (begins Ant-Man adventures)

TALES of SUSPENSE!

#1: Jan. 1959 cover: Don Heck
"The Strangers from Space" Al Williamson 5 pages
"I Dared Explore the Unknown Emptiness!"* Heck 5 "
"The Day I Left My Body!" John Buscema 4 "
"He Fled in the Night" 4 "
"Prisoners of the Satellites!" Ditko 5 "

#2: March 1959 cover: Ditko
"Invasion from Outer Space" Kirby & ? 5 pages
"Trapped in Yesterday!" Forgione 5 "
"The Planet that Wasn't There!" Sinnott 4 "
"The Secret of Planet 'X'!" Ditko 4 "
"A Robot in Hiding!"* Sinnott 5 "

#3: (Somebody remind me to buy a #3 one a' these days...)
(...if anyone sends me the statistics on #3, I'll include it next time.)

#4: July 1959 cover: Kirby
"The Invisible Army" Sinnott 5 pages
"One of Our Spacemen Is Missing!" Kirby 5 "
"The Voice of Doom!" 4 "
"Beware of the...Robots!" Al Williamson 4 "
"One of Us Is a Martian!"* Ditko 5 "

#5: Sept. 1959 cover: Kirby & ?
"I Became a Human Robot!" Sinnott 5 pages
"I Fought the Tyrannosaurus" Ditko 5 "
"I Walk Thru Walls!" Reinman 4 "
"I Travelled Thru Time!" Forgione 4 "
"I Was Trapped in the Tunnel to Nowhere!"*Forte 5 "
"I! Sure Do Lotsa' Neat Stuff in This Issue" 0 "

#6: Nov. 1959 cover: Kirby & ?
"I Hear it Howl in the Swamp!"* Ditko 5 pages
"I Was Captured by the Cyclops!" Heck 5 "
"The Mutants and Me!" Sinnott 4 "
"Who Hides Beneath My Mask?" Ayers 4 "
"The Luna Lizards Had Me Trapped!" Kirby 5 "

#7: Jan. 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Come from the Shadow World!" Ditko 5 pages
"I Know the Power of...The Gods!" Heck 5 "
"My Name is Robot XI" Reinman 4 "
"I Was Trapped Inside of the Martian Maze"Ditko 4 "
"I Fought the Molten Man-Thing!"* Kirby+Ditko 5 "

#8: March 1960 cover: Kirby
"MONSTRO"* Kirby 6 pages
"The Story of Sammy Snork!" 3 "
"I Am the Changing Man!" Ditko 5 "
"The Runaway Planet!" Gene Colan 3 "
"It Walks by Night!" Heck 6 "

#9: May 1960 cover: Kirby
"I Saw DIABLO!"* Kirby 7 pages
"The Wrath of Chondu!" Gene Colan 3 "
"Time On My Hands!" John Forte 3 "
"Earth Will Be Destroyed!" Ditko 5 "
"The Return of the Living Robot!"(sequel to #8's "It Walks By Night!") Heck 5 "

#10: July 1960 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"I Brought the Mighty Cyclops Back to Life"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"I Was Trapped in Nightmare Valley" Reinman 5 "
"Behind My Door Waits...Medusa!" Ditko 5 "
"I Am the Shaggy Creature" Heck 5 "

#11: Sept. 1960 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"I Created...SPORR!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"I Know the Secret of the Flying Saucer!"Ditko 5 "
"Beware the Eyes of Igor!" Reinman 5 "
"I Escaped to Another World!" Heck 5 "

#12: Nov. 1960 cover: Kirby
"GOR-KILL the Living Demon!"* Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"Those Who Lurk Below!" Ditko 6 "
"The Monster in My Cellar!" Reed Crandall 4 "
"I Met the Thing on Midnight Island!" Heck 5 "

#13: Jan. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"ELEKTRO!"* Kirby & Ayers 7 pages
"The Demon in the Dungeon!" Heck 6 "
"I Lived a Million Years!" Reinman 5 "
"When the Earth Vanished!" Ditko 5 "

#14: Feb. 1961 cover: Kirby
"I Created the Colossus!"*(this is the original appearance of the character recently "gracing" the pages of "Astonishing Tales"...now your Marvel collection isn't complete without this issue -- plus "TOS" #20) (3 parts)
Kirby + Ayers 18 pages
"I Am GORAK!" Ditko 5 "

#15: March 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"GOOM!"* (2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"I Am the Living Ghost!" Ditko 5 "
"MOONBOOM!" Heck 5 "

#16: April 1961 cover: Kirby
"The Thing Called METALLO!"* (2 parts)* + Ayers 13 "
"Nightmare!" Heck 5 "
"The Hands of HOGARR!" Reinman 5 "

#17: May 1961 cover: Kirby
"GOGGAM, Son of GOOM!"*(sequel to "GOOM!"; "TOS" #15) (2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"There Is Something Strange About Mr. Jones!"Heck 5 "
"What Lurks in the Mountain?" Ditko 5 "

#18: June 1961 cover: Kirby
"KRAA the Unhuman"* Kirby + Ayers (2 parts)13 "
"The Mysterious Mr. PI" Heck 5 "
"Enter...the Robot!" Ditko 5 "

#19: July 1961 cover: Kirby
"The Green Thing!"*(2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Haunted Paper!" Ditko 5 "
"The Coming of MAABOO!" Heck 5 "

#20: Aug. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"Colossus Lives Again"*(sequel to "I Created the Colossus" in "TOS #14)Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"The Rocking Horse" Reinman 5 "
"The Beak" Ditko 5 "

#21: Sept. 1961 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"KIAGGI"* (2 parts) Kirby + Ayers 13 pages
"Whose Face Is In the Mirror?" Ditko 5 "
"The Man from Tomorrow!" Kirby + Ayers 5 "

#22: Oct. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"Beware of...SHUTTUP"* (2 parts) Kirby 13 pages
"Only One is Human!" Heck 5 "
"The Anatomy of a Nightmare!" Ditko (& Lee) 5 "

#23: Nov. 1961 cover: Kirby & Ditko
"I Entered the Dimension of DOOM!"* Kirby 7 pages
"The Creature from the Black Bog!"* Ditko 6 "
"Going Down!" Reinman 5 "
"The Changeling" Kirby & ? 5 "

#24: Dec. 1961 cover: Kirby
"The Insect Man"* Kirby 7 pages
"Beware...the Ticking Clocks!" Kirby 6 "
"Something lurks in the Fog!" Heck 5 "
"Long Live the King!" Ditko (& Lee) 5 "

#25: Jan. 1962 cover: Kirby
"The Death of MONSTROLLO!"* Kirby 7 pages
"The Unseen!" Kirby 6 "
"The Hidden Face" Ditko (& Lee) 5 "
"The Enchanted Paint!" Reinman 5 "

#26: Feb. 1962 cover: Kirby
"It Crawls by Night!"* Kirby 7 pages
"Never Trust a Martian!" Heck 6 "
"Seven Long Years" Reinman 5 "
"The Face!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#27: March 1962 cover: Kirby
"OOG Lives Again!"* Kirby 7 pages
"On the Trail of the Witch!" Kirby 6 "
"John Doe" Reinman 5 "
"His Name Was...Merlin!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#28: April 1962 cover: Kirby (& different scenes)
"TITAN, the Amphibian from Atlantis"*Kirby 7 pages
"Back from the Dead!"* Kirby 6 "
"The Dummy"* Reinman 5 "
"The Secret of the Black Planet" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#29: May 1962 cover: Kirby
"The Martian Who Stole a City! Kirby 7 pages
"Nothing Can Save Us!" Kirby 6 "
"It Was Only a Simple Barber Shop...Or Was It?"
(phew!) Ditko & Lee ("AAF" promo) 5 "
"The Thing in the Locked Room!" Heck 5 "

#30: June 1962 cover: Kirby
"The Ghost Rode a Roller Coaster!"*Kirby + Ayers 7 "
"The Creature from KRANGOR"! Kirby + Ayers 6 "
"The Man Who Couldn't Grow Old!" Heck 5 "
"Inside the Fall Out Shelter!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#31: July 1962 cover: Kirby
"The Monster in the Iron Mask!"*Kirby + Ayers 7 pages
"Shangri-La" Kirby 6 "
"The Crackpot" Heck 5 "
"The Missing Link!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#32: Aug. 1962 cover: Kirby + Ayers
"The Man in the Beehive!"* Kirby & Ayers 7 pages
"SAZZIK, the Sorcerer" Kirby & Ayers 6 "
"The One Who Isn't Human" Heck 5 "
"The Fly in the Sky!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#33: Sept. 1962 cover: Kirby
"I Was Trapped in the Chamber of Fear!"*Kirby 7 pages
"The Mystery of the Two Collector from Space!"
Kirby 6 "
"The Secret of the Mirage" Heck 5 "
"Where Is the WOMMELLY?" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#34: Oct. 1962 cover: Kirby (strip form)
"I Found the Girl in the Blue Glass Bottle"Kirby 7 "
"The Forbidden World!" Kirby + Ayers 6 "
"The Coming of the Giants!" Heck 5 "
"Who Am I?" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#35: Nov. 1962 cover: Kirby
"I Accepted the Deadly Challenge of ZARKOH!"*Kirby 7 "
"I Must Enter the Tomb of Tut-An-Tut!" Heck 6 pages
"The Great Coso" Ditko & Lee 5 "
"Revolt of the Robots!" Reinman 5 "

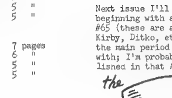
#36: Dec. 1962 cover: Kirby
"Meet Mr. Meek!"* Heck 13 pages
"The Final Weapon" Reinman 5 "
"The Gorilla from Outer Space!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#37: Jan. 1963 cover: Kirby
"HAAGI Hunter of Helpless Humans!"* Ditko 13 pages
"A Voice in the Dark" Reinman 5 "
"Behold -- the Monster!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#38: Feb. 1963 cover: Kirby
"The Teen-Ager Who Ruled the World!"*Jack Davis 11 "
"We Can't All Be Human!" Heck 7 "
"The Man in the Mirror!" Ditko & Lee 5 "

#39: March 1963 (begins Iron Man adventures)

Next issue I'll include an index of "Journey into Mystery" beginning with around #50 and "Strange Tales" with about #65 (these are approximately the times when people like Kirby, Ditko, etc. began work at Atlas/Marvel...I think that's the main period that these few indexes should be concerned with; I'm probably already duplicating material already published in that Atlas Index...wherever it comes from.)



Darned if a set of TV questions didn't pour in from my reader just this morning. I'm also pleased to acknowledge the single person who was congenial enough to offer his aid (Bill Stewart of Fair Oaks, Calif.) in the vast-and-teeming area of movies if need be (and need there won't be if I keep getting movie-TV-radio queries at THIS rate...and note that the only person who sent me TV questions was the same party who offered me assistance in that area --- I don't suppose I should bother asking him the answers to his own questions...no, I doubt if he could help me...)

WILLIAM T. STEWART -- Fair Oaks, Calif.
AROUND 1962-64 THERE WAS A SEGMENT OF A MYSTERY SERIES ON TV THAT STARRED THE LATE FEMALE IMPERSONATOR T.C.JONES. HE PLAYED A KILLER DISGUISED AS A NURSE OR COMPANION OR SOMETHING. WHAT WAS THE SHOW AND DATE IT WAS AIRED???

Hm. Tuff. If I only knew the series I could find the date... and vice-versa. Y'get me. (Fine way to initiate this feature!)

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE CHARACTER PLAYED BY JACK LAMBERT ON THE OLD TV SERIES "RIVERBOAT"???

Jack Lambert joined the regular cast of "Riverboat" as "Joshua" (if a last name was ever given, I can't recall it) on Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1959; "Face of Courage" was the title of this episode which also introduced Mike McGreevy as "Jimmy Chip Kessler".

WHAT WERE THE FULL DATES OF DEATH OF THESE COMIC ARTISTS???
ALEX A. BLUM (1969), LOU FINE (1971), CHARLES BIRO (1972), HARVEY EISENBERG (1965), CARL BURTTNER (1966); ARE MORT MESKIN AND CLIFF YOUNG STILL ALIVE???

Yeah, I know this question belongs back in the comics section, but it was a late arrival. I didn't wanna split this guy's queries up, and besides I can't answer it anyhow! The only necrologies I have on these dear departed merely include the above mentioned years-of-death. Anyone???

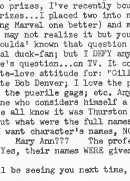
That just about does it for this time around. The only thing left to say is...send all questions & two 20¢ stamps, answers, corrections, snide remarks, and free merchandise to:

DON ROSA; 7710 Woodhill Valley Rd.; Louisville, Ky.; 40222

Hold on! Before you leave, I have another connoisuer Trivia question for you. But first, as to last issue's: Donald Duck's original hometown was naturally Burbank, Calif., home of the Disney Studios. Correct answers were received simultaneously from these questioneers: Jeff Gorrell and Bruce Hamilton (who simply added it to the back of an incidental envelope as a "P.S." along with a nonchalant "red course"). As to prizes, I've recently bought out the over-stock of Marvel No-Prizes...I placed two into no-envelopes of my own design (going Marvel one better) and mailed them out to you two fellas. (You may not realize it but you received them several days ago.) I shoulda' known that question wouldn't be all that tough for a real duck-fan; but I DEFY anyone to correctly answer this issue's question...on TV. It concerns a series I've always had a hate-love attitude for: "Gilligan's Island". I love Jim Backus, I hate Bob Denver; I love the premise and some of the plots, I hate the puerile gags; etc. Anyway, here's a real challenge for anyone who considers himself a television historian:

* We all know it was Thurston Howell III, Ginger Grant, etc., *
* but what were the full names of these other characters (now,* * I want character's names, NOT actors' names): *
* Mary Ann??? The professor??? The skipper??? *
* (Yes, their names WERE given, from time to time.) *

I'll be seeing you next time, over most of these same stations...



COMIC COLLECTOR'S COMMENTS

BY HOWARD P. SIEGEL

COLUMNIST'S CORNER

The fan of 1960-1963 and the fan of 1970-1973 while alike in purpose, are of species apart in personal reaction to prevailing conditions in panelology. I'd like to make the comparison of the two and topic of discussion for this issue's 'Columnist's Corner'....

The pioneer fan had no sophisticated product to buy at 25¢. His comics were the '0s' variety with themes and art styles that were offshoots of WWII vintage. The Adams', O'Neills, Thomas', Redondos were not yet writing and drawing. The hack artists and writers were still turning out the stuff. The superhero with the personal problems was just being cultivated by Stan Lee and DCs didn't have the following that in later years would make them masterpieces unto themselves in fandom. Warren, other black and whites and super-spectaculars were far off. The 80 page giants and the first of the Marvel annuals were the big sized comics of those years. The mediocrity of the 50s was still cowing through and a collector was not hard pressed to find a second hand magazine snop that sold stuff for a nickel and a dime.

The fan of thet day was somewhat embarassed to let people know that he read and collected comics. For the most part he was no youngster. He still had his memories and, if lucky, his collection saved from the 40s. Today's fan was born into panelology and weened on fanzines so as to be a believe lot smarter and more discriminating. The world was coming in those years. Communication was by mail, ditto sheets that were stapled together and getting enough material to gettogether by more than four fans was a big event. The super-hero was the one and only object of prime interest back then. Today the Conans, Han-Tongs, and mystery-horror hosts share the spotlight. One could find only a hint of science fiction and any of the zines. Today, this and other offshoots such as movies, TV, toys, premiums, etc. share the interest of the reader, the buyer, the collector.

The typical question put to a columnist would be : 'In what issues of Detective and Batman did Two Face appear?'. Today, that same question would be supplemented with "and how much are each of those issues worth?". That fandom has become overcommercialized, and overconscious of worth in terms of dollars and cents instead of historical significance is quite evident. Letter columns were not prevalent enough to give editors a feeling of the pulse of its readership. Today, certain trends are noted by what the buying public has to say. The people who run publishing houses were 100% businessmen. Today the staffs are filled with ex-fans who have brought along their non-pro thinking and doing. Today a convention goer will know another from across the U.S. In the 1960-63 era only a snapshot would do as a memento of the times to have been writing to looks like. Only a chance meeting at a magazine shop gave clue that there were others in the same town with similar interests in panelology. Today one has to but read ads or LOCs in the comics and zines to find thousands of people.

Topics of dicussion were limited to the 40s and early 50s. It was the super-hero vs. his enemy of WWII and a smattering of the post war MS, EC and dying titles that made up the subject matter. Today the range is wide, and has intonations of deep meaning and purpose that the early fans didn't bother to think about in analyzing comics. That is what I meant by sophistication. Collections were considered big if they were a few thousand in number. Today a common goal is to have five figures worth of comics. There have been more transitions and major packaging changes made for the fan of the 1970-73 period than all over. The earlier fan had but the run-off of the 40s to criticize. You start to add all the differences and it is not difficult to understand the fact that indeed, two different species of fan exist today. Both are top notch in my opinion. One hits for average, the other is a long ball hitter going for the home run. Both are playing a great game!

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cut down considerably.

I tried the college bit, but after six weeks at Ball State University, I discovered that sort of life wasn't for me, and dropped out the Fall of '70. Until the end of 1972, I did little more than draw, write and get on my parents nerves (see, I told you!). Understanably they were in doubt about my future & had little faith at the time that my fan activities would ever lead me anywhere (you got to New York didn't you?). After having heard of Craig Russell (I owe Craig a lot. When he migrated to New York he brought his phone with him. Now I can check up on Duffy right in the middle of 'I Love Lucy' (I'm in his whole day) and Val Meyerik's successful entrance into professional comics through Dan Adkin's help, I thought I would try the move myself. I moved to East Liverpool, Ohio (they're still trying to get all those posters and cover repros off the walls of the two apartments you lived in Duff) in January of '73 with high hopes and very little inking skill (Aha! You finally admitted it!). I was there for almost 7 months and accomplished very little but my intention with Dan was a stepping stone for me when I came to the N.Y. Con that year with the express purpose of sneaking into the press. I was mildly successful in that I got offers from Dave Cockrum to do background inking and from Carl Wahford to do free lance production work through him for Marvel. Both were bits that I had to move to New York. (The actual move consisted of Duffy in his jalopy taking the point, and his Mom and uncle in a rented U-Haul truck with his wives traveling from Clarksburg to Brooklyn, N.Y., with loose bundles of comics flying all over the Ohio Turnpike!)

The first few months, from the time of my arrival in August (it was 11:00 AM Duff. I remember. Your Mom and Uncle were unloading the U-Haul when you ran to the nearest phone to call me at my office and tell me that you arrived)until the middle of January, were pretty dry (any very truly. I can remember you standing in a public phone booth talking to me and freezing when lo and behold!). My return phone call made the then immense sum of 35¢ fall on the change return and enabled you to buy a hamburger, probably your only meal that whole day). My assignments were mostly doing retouch work on reprints. Then for some unknown reason, everything started to come together a few months ago (in the meantime you completely terrorized everyone in my office by your ponderous appearances. They still think you're my son, and you've done nothing to dispel the theory!) and I began getting a lot of work. (Let's stop right there and tell the readers about the bad times. Weeks when your cash supply was so low that you could just about make the rent. The electric burner you used to cook meager meals, the days going by wearing broken eyeglass frames because your parent's survival check hadn't come yet. The fear of traveling via subways in New York because you thought you would get lost. The homesickness. The constant wooing the press with thumbs up of your work which Lou Sullo did so that something eyecatching would bring your ability to their attention. It was no fluke and I remember every bit of it).

My current assignments include inking a Paul Gulacy story called "Bats" for an upcoming issue of Marvel's B&W 'Vampire Tales', working on Marvel's fan club FOOM, and teaming up with Canadian penciller John Byrne (I was wondering when you'd get to him, Duff! Keep gun) for a new 'Heap' series for Skywald's B&W mags. Other things are pending, and I hope to be able to average about 45 pages a month. Tony Isabella has been a big help and a great friend. My present and past roomies, Roger Slifer, Craig Russell and the varying firemen from 'The Gang' made my life less lonesome and I'm finally becoming acclimated to big city life. Last month a returned home to give my folks the good news about my progress. It was like a hero returning in triumph (so how come the sheriff asked you to make it a short visit?). I realize that I'm one of the lucky ones because I've met many like myself that packed it all in and went home when they couldn't get work from the publishers. There is simply more available talent than there is work. I look forward to John's arrival. We intend to do a lot of work together for the pros just as we did for the fanzines (I've seen a lot of their unpublished work and this could be another Simon Kirby alliance, especially if Duffy can convince NFF to let the two of them revive Animal-Man, E.E.'s favorite super hero). Would I do it all over again if I had to? You bet!

You're all invited to corner Duffy at the next Seulingcon to find out how this story ends.....

LABOR-MANAGEMENT IN PRO COMICS

ACBA was created by the artists and writers as a means of uniting for a fair deal from the publishers. This noble group has been making headway. A point to discuss here however, is one of enlightenment as many and most readers are unaware of what or what not the professional inker, penciller or scripter receives, other than direct fees for work. HAD for instance, will not return original work. This is one of the many fixations on the part of Bill Gaines. However, this kindy man does pay the highest rates for accepted work. His fan mail people enjoy other fringe benefits which are unique to any publishing head that insists on putting the postage on all mail himself.

Archie gives $6.00 per page for the use of reprint work. Up till February of this year, they were the only company that did so. At the last minute, NFP revoked their claimer of $10.00 per page to be split between inker, penciller and writer; in lieu of Xmas bonuses which very few staffers receive anyway. Red Circle, the Gray Morrow edited Archie line and Jim Warren, the maverick B&W publisher, have automatically returned all original art to their owners. If you've been to Cons and have seen these people make some well deserved income by selling some of their wares, you can appreciate what this means.

Marvel and Gold Key will return interior art on request. In fact, for some time now Marvel has been returning the painted B&W covers to the artists and is the only major publisher of comic books to date that is making a serious effort to effect some sort of medical insurance plan for contributing artists. A bit of the Stan Lee-Roy Thomas dynamicism here. If a person is "on staff", it usually means that he is toiling for a salary rather than a per job fee; and most of the above does not apply to him. I know for a fact that some of the newer pros have been switching on and off in status. If an individual has his work printed by more than one publisher, it means that he is a freelancer. There are exceptions to the rule, and they usually concern some of the older, established people that have been in the industry for many years. No. I won't "name names".

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CAPTAIN FEARLESS

CAPTAIN FEARLESS was the star of his own title which lasted two issues. His origin was reprinted in Cpl. Rusty Dugan Comics No. 2. The illo to the left was from the splash page of the first issue. It was done by Chas. Quinlan of Catman fame; but all else in the story was by another artist. His costume consists of a frontier outfit in tan, with red lacing on his shirt, red belt and holster, red fringes of his shirtsleeves and leggings, and a red tip on his moccasins. A long line of John Fearless' dating back to the first, a colonial hero who instigated the Boston Tea Party and died in the Revolutionary War, make up the heritage of this hero. Each ancestor gave his life in a heroic effort thereafter. At the outbreak of WWII, the current John Fearless, a military cadet, while paying homage to his ancestor in a Boston graveyard, is visited by his ghost who gives him a package in which is the costume and a horn which he is to blow in times of great danger. His assignment is to protect America at the home front. He had no super powers, and never got to use the horn in the first story.

MR. MIRACLE (yes, there was one before Jack Kirby's), appeared in the same titles & issues as Capt. Fearless. A mixture of the Spectre and Mandrake, he was able to create matter by mental command. His costume consisted of a long cloak and hood over street clothes. The illo to the right comes from the splash page of his origin story. A nameless suicide who is rescued after he dives off a bridge by the lab. assistant of a scientist, he is the first and only recipient of a 24 hour dose of a mind ray while still unconscious and with his life ebbing away. His benefactor is shot by the assistant who turns out to be a spy (see Capt. America No. 1 for this brilliant piece of swiping by Mr. Miracle's unidentified creator). Awakening, he learns of his newfound powers by the dying scientist, Professor Hertz, and avenges his death in a dazzling display of mind over matter. Six interesting pages of golden Age heroics. Had he been the property of a major publishing house and not Holyoke, he would have done well.

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EEK! WHAT'S CRAWLIN' ACROSS THAT MAN'S FACE?
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I HONOR EDEN. I DON'T THINK WE GIRLS AT ES EAST SHOULD BE SEEN ASSOCIATING...
HAVE TO, DEAR HE OWNS US!

JACK SPARLING

I WAS BORN SEVERAL CENTURIES AGO AT A DRAWING BOARD. FORSAKING THE SLANTED SLAB ONLY TO WED TWO WIVES AND FATHER THREE CHILDREN. I'VE RISEN IN THE CARTOON PROFESSION TO BECOME UNQUESTIONABLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOSERS CLUB. FOUR STRIPS I'VE BURIED IN MY COPYWRITED GRAVEYARD

HAP HOPPER... CLAIRE VOYANT... MR. RUMBLES... AND SAM HILL.

NOT A BIT RELUCTANTLY DO I FINALLY BID FAREWELL TO THE LOSERS CLUB, MY NEW STRIP **HONOR EDEN** SHOWS EVERY INDICATION OF BEING A WINNER.

HONOR SEES THE LIGHT OF DAY ON A 5' ACRE HUNK OF NORTHWEST CONN. TO BE EXACT MY MORTGAGE FREE DRAWING BOARD IS LOCATED IN ---

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Frank Springer

BORN DEC. 6, 1929 IN N.Y.C. --- STARTED DRAWING SOON AFTER, MOSTLY PRE-TEENAGE TRIVIA --- LATER STEEL-EYED, LEATHER-JACKETED BIPLANE PILOTS. GRADUATED MALVERNE (L.I.) H.S. '48 --- B.F.A. DEGREE SYRACUSE U. '52. U.S. ARMY '52--'54. STARTED FREE-LANCE '54 AND STILL AT IT. DONE EVERYTHING FROM STRAIGHT ILLUSTRATION TO 864-FOOT --- AN MOST COMFORTABLE SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN. STACK OF ADVENTURE COMIC BOOKS FOR DELL, DC, MARVEL. MOST RECENTLY, COVERING N.Y. METS IN CARTOON DURING THAT FABULOUS YEAR IN '69 FOR THE (NOW) DEFUNCT SUFFOLK SUN. ILLUSTRATED PHOBBIE TEST-GRAM (GROVE PRESS, '69). DO EDITORIAL CARTOON PER WEEK FOR N.Y. DAILY NEWS, REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO NATIONAL LAMPOON, PLUS ADVERTISING, ETC. LIVE IN GREENLAWN, L.I. WITH WIFE BARBARA, CHILDREN BARBARA, 14, BILLY, 13, JENNIFER 7, JONATHAN 5, CHRISTOPHER 3. SUMMERS: FOLLOW N.Y. METS, SWIM IN THE OCEAN --- WINTERS: SIT BY FIRE, DRINK MARTINIS. IF I HAD IT TO DO OVER, I'D BE STEEL-EYED, LEATHER-JACKETED, BI-PLANE PILOT. RECEIVED SERVICE AWARD FROM N.C.S. IN '71 FOR WHICH I'M GRATEFUL.

continuing a book report on.....THE NATIONAL CARTOONIST SOCIETY ALBUM

THE BADPOUTS

By Howard Post

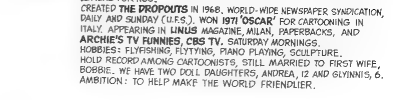
BORN 11/2/26 IN GOTHAM CITY. FIRST JOB IN BETWEENER, PARAMOUNT CARTOON STUDIOS; BACK IN 20 YEARS AS BOSS. PRODUCED AND DIRECTED 26 MOVIE CARTOONS, COMPOSED HALF A DOZEN SCORES, BEAT OUT FOR ACADEMY AWARD BY BURT BACHRACH. WROTE NUMEROUS OTHER TV CARTOONS. MISSED EMMY. WROTE AND ILLUSTRATED HUNDREDS OF COMIC BOOKS INCLUDING ANTHRO, JERRY LEWIS, AND CASPER, THE FRIENDLY GHOST, SOON TO GO INTO ORBIT. ALSO WRITE LETTERS FOR NCS.

CREATED **THE PROPOUTS** IN 1968. WORLD-WIDE NEWSPAPER SYNDICATION, DAILY AND SUNDAY (U.F.S.). WON **1971 'OSCAR'** FOR CARTOONING IN ITALY. APPEARING IN **LINUS** MAGAZINE, MILAN, PAPERBACKS, AND **ARCHIE'S TV FUNNIES, CBS TV.** SATURDAY MORNINGS.

HOBBIES: FLYFISHING, FLYTYING, PIANO PLAYING, SCULPTURE.

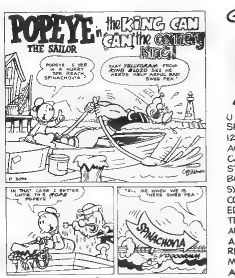
HOLD RECORD AMONG CARTOONISTS, STILL MARRIED TO FIRST WIFE, BOBBIE. WE HAVE TWO DOLL DAUGHTERS, ANDREA, 12 AND GLYNNIS, 6.

AMBITION: TO HELP MAKE THE WORLD FRIENDLIER.



FRANK A. REILLY

BORN FEB 20, 1906 BROOKLYN, NY. DREW MY WAY THROUGH GRADE SCHOOL. PREPARED HOLY CROSS COLLEGE. POST GRADUATE ART SCHOOL. ING AT ART STUDENTS LEAGUE AND PRATT INSTITUTE. EIGHT YEARS OF FREE LANCING, THEN DEFECTED TO AP NEWSFEATURES AS COMICS AND CARTOON EDITOR. FOUGHT WORLD WAR II IN THE FOXHOLES WITH THE PENTAGON. ACCEPTED OFFER FROM WALT DISNEY IN 1946 TO DEVELOP HIS YOUNG COMIC STRIP DEPARTMENT. AM NOW IN MY 27TH YEAR WITH THIS GREAT MICKEY MOUSE OUTFIT. WE'RE CHILDREN'S BOOKS AS A TAX SHELTER. WIFE HELEN AND I SPEND ALL OUR MONEY ON TRAVEL.



George Wildman

BORN: JULY 31, 1927 WATERBURY, CONN. GREW UP ON FARM IN WATERTOWN, CONN GRADUATED WHITNEY SCHOOL OF ART, NEW HAVEN, CONN. SERVED IN U.S NAVY-WORLD WAR II AND KOREA. SPENT 16 YEARS IN ADVERTISING, 12 YEARS OF WHICH RUNNING OWN AGENCY, DID VARIOUS FREE LANCE CARTOONING DURING THIS TIME. STARTED DOING POPEYE COMIC BOOKS IN 1969 FOR KING FEATURES SYND., THRU CHARLTON PRESS, DERBY, CONN.-PUBLISHERS. PRESENTLY ANOS EA. EDITOR WITH CHARLTON COMICS. THANKS TO BUD SAGENDORF I'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE POPEYE LEGEND ALIVE IN THE COMIC BOOKS. I NOW RESIDE IN HAMDEN, CONN., WITH MY LOVELY, PATIENT, WIFE TRUDY AND OUR 12 YEAR OLD SON, KARL. WOULD I DO IT ALL AGAIN? YES!!

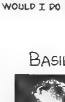
Curt Swan

2/17/20
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MIXED UP KID 'TILL GUARD UNIT WAS ACTIVATED AD MET FUTURE BRIDE, HELENE, AT REGIMENTAL DANCE, FORT DIX, N.J. OUTFIT SHIPPED TO ENGLAND WHERE I MET D.WINGERT WHILE PAINTING MURALS FOR RED CROSS CLUB IN BELFAST. HE SUGGESTED I TRY FOR TRANSFER TO STARS + STRIPES, LONDON EDITION BRIT. HOSPITALITY FOR TWO YEARS AND THEN ON TO PARIS. HELENE CAME OVER AS RED CROSS DONUT DISPENSER. GOT BATTLE RIBBON HUNTING HER DOWN, PAST THE MAGINOT LINE AND PATTON'S THIRD ARMY. RESCUED HER FROM THE CLUTCHES OF YOUNG AMER. PARATROOPERS AND SOON AFTER WE WED IN PARIS, APRIL '45 JOHN FISCHETTI, PAST MANAGER, PLUS ASSIST WITH CUTTING THRU FRENCH RED TAPE.

BEEN WITH NATIONAL COMICS SINCE '45 LIVE IN WESTPORT, CONN. HAVE THREE GROWN CHILDREN, CHRIS, KARA AND CECILIA, PLAY GOLF, BOWL AND SHOOT POOL. NEXT TRICK-HOW TO SNEAK OFF TO SUNNIER CLIME DURING WINTER

Basil Wolverton



BORN NOT LONG AFTER CIVIL WAR ON JULY 9, 1909 IN CENTRAL POINT, OREGON ATTENDED KINDERGARTEN QUITE A WHILE, BUT FORGOT TO GO TO COLLEGE SOLD MY FIRST CARTOONS AT AGE 11. 7 YEARS LATER STARTED ON THE PORTLAND (ORE) NEWS AS REPORTER-CARTOONIST. AFTER TWO YEARS OF GLOWERS FROM THE CITY EDITOR, WENT INTO DECADES OF FREELANCING, ALL KINDLY DUMOR, MOSTLY FOR COMIC BOOKS, AD AGENCIES AND NOVELTY PUBLISHERS. HAVE ONE WIFE, ONE SON AND ONE GRAND OTTER. IN THE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS HAVE WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED A BOOK AND MAGAZINE SERIES TITLED STORY OF MAN FOR AMBASSADOR PRESS, PASADENA. MY HOBBY IS TO FIND A STEADIER LETTERING PEN, OTHERWISE ITS TO KEEP OUT OF JAIL. WE LIVE AT 407 SHREVEPORT WAY, VANCOUVER, WASH. 98664, WITH OUR GARDEN INSECTS, AND RIGHT HERE SPACE IS RUNNING OUT---

SAL TRAPANI

BORN BROOKLYN N.Y. APRIL 30TH 1927 GRADUATED FROM THE CARTOONISTS AND ILL. STRATORS SCHOOL IN 1950 HIRED AS STAFF ARTIST FOR S.M. (JERRY) IGER WORKED TWO YEARS OUT TO GO FREE-LANCE FOR THREE YEARS. WENT ON STAFF AGAIN TO CHARLTON PRESS IN DERBY CT. QUIT IN '64 TO WORK WITH A.EX TOTH ON "SPACE ANGEL" IN HOLLYWOOD. IN 1964 RETURNED TO WORK FOR DELL (NUKLA), A.C.G. D.C. COMICS (METAMORPHO) GOLD KEY COMICS, (WILD WILD WEST, I FAMILY AFFAIR), THE TWILIGHT ZONE, (BORIS KARLOFF) AND THE (MOD WHEELS). INTERESTED IN OLD-TIME RADIO PROGRAMING AND HAVE APPROXIMATELY 2500 PROGRAMS OF EVERY SHOW EVER HEARD OVER THE AIR. ON TAPE. MARRIED TO THE SAME LOVELY WIFE FOR 19 YEARS. WE HAVE A HANDSOME 6 YEAR OLD SON, AND ALL RESIDE IN A MODEST RANCH HOME IN SEYMOUR, CONN. WITH OUR POODLE, JACQUE. STILL LOOKING FOR THAT ELUSIVE SYNDICATED STRIP

THE REUBEN AWARD WINNERS

Each year, at the April dinner, the outstanding cartoonist of the year is chosen by secret ballot of the members. The Reuben is the highest award a cartoonist can receive. The following men have won it:

1946 Milton Caniff "Steve Canyon"
1947 Al Capp "Li'l Abner"
1948 Chic Young "Blondie"
1949 Alex Raymond "Rip Kirby"
1950 Roy Crane "Buz Sawyer"
1951 Walt Kelly "Pogo"
1952 Hank Ketcham "Dennis the Menace"
1953 Mort Walker "Beetle Bailey"
1954 Willard Mullin (Sports Cartoons)
1955 Charles Schulz ("Peanuts")
1956 Herblock (Editorial cartoons)
1957 Hal Foster "Prince Valiant"
1958 Frank King "Gasoline Alley"
1959 Chester Gould "Dick Tracy"
1960 Ronald Searle (Cartoon Illustrations)
1961 Bill Mauldin (Editorial Cartoons)
1962 Dik Browne "Hi and Lois"
1963 Fred Lasswell "Barney Google and Snuffy Smith"
1964 Charles Schulz "Peanuts"
1965 Leonard Starr "On Stage"
1966 Otto Soglow "The Little King"
1967 Rube Goldberg "Humor in Sculpture"
1968 Johnny Hart "B.C." and "The Wizard of Id" Pat Oliphant (Editorial cartoons) (this was a tie vote)
1969 Walter Berndt "Smitty"
1970 Alfred Andriola "Kerry Drake"
1971 Milton Caniff "Steve Canyon"

THE PLAQUE WINNERS

Members vote for the outstanding cartoonist in each category. The winner receives a silver plaque. Here too, the awards are made during the April dinner.

ADVERTISING AND ILLUSTRATIONS

1956 Harry Devlin
1957 Russell Patterson
1958 Carl Rose
1959 Ronald Searle
1960 Noel Sickles
1961 Eric Gurney
1962 Harry Devlin &
Noel Sickles (tied)
1963 Harry Devlin
1964 Dick Hodgins, Jr.
1965 Ronald Searle
1966 Dick Hodgins, Jr.
1967 Roy Doty
1968 Dave Pascal
1969 Roland Michaud
1970 Roy Doty
1971 Eric Gurney

COMIC BOOKS

1956 Jerry Robinson
1957 Wallace Wood
1958 Carmine Infantino &
Steve Douglas (tied)
1959 Wallace Wood
1960 Bob Oksner
1961 Bob Oksner
1962 Bob Gustafson
1963 Frank Thorne
1964 Paul Fung
1965 Wallace Wood
1966 Al Williamson
1967 Will Eisner
1968 Will Eisner
1969 Will Eisner
1970 Tom Gill (Story books)
Henry Boltinoff (Humour books)
1971 Gil Kane (Story books)
Bob Gustafson (Humor books)

EDITORIAL CARTOONS

1956 Bill Crawford
1957 Bill Crawford &
Herblock (tied)
1958 Bill Crawford
1959 Bill Mauldin
1960 Herblock
1961 Karl Hubenthal
1962 John Fischetti
1963 John Fischetti
1964 John Fischetti
1965 John Fischetti
1966 Bill Crawford
1967 Karl Hubenthal
1968 Warren King
1969 BLAINE
1970 Karl Hubenthal
1971 Pat Oliphant

HUMOR STRIPS

1957 Gus Arriola "Gordo"
Frank King "Gasoline Alley" (tied)
1958 Martin Branner "Winnie Winkle"
1959 Dik Browne "Hi and Lois"
1960 Dik Browne "Hi and Lois"
1961 Ernie Bushmiller "Nancy"
1962 Charles Schulz "Peanuts"
1963 Fred Lasswell "Snuffy Smith"
1964 Frank O'Neal "Short Ribs"
1965 Gus Arriola "Gordo"
1966 Mort Walker "Beetle Bailey"
1967 Johnny Hart "B C"
1968 Al Smith "Mutt and Jeff"
1969 Mort Walker "Beetle Bailey"
1970 Bud Blake "Tiger"
1971 Brant Parker "The Wizard of Id"

ANIMATION

1957 Walt Disney
1958 Paul Terry
1959 Hanna and Barbera
1961 Walt Disney
1963 Walt Disney

MAGAZINE GAG CARTOONS

1956 Chon Day
1957 John Gallagher
1958 Eldon Dedini
1959 Vahan Shirvanian
1961 Eldon Dedini
1962 Chon Day
1963 Jack Tippit
1964 Eldon Dedini
1965 Orlando Busino
1966 Jack Tippit
1967 Lou Darvas
1968 Bill Gallo
1969 Bill Gallo
1970 Bill Gallo
1971 Karl Hubenthal

STORY STRIP

1960 Leonard Starr "On Stage"
1961 Irwin Hasen "Dondi"
1962 Irwin Hasen "Dondi"
1963 Leonard Starr "On Stage"
1964 Hal Foster "Prince Valiant"
1965 Roy Crane "Buz Sawyer"
1966 John Prentice "Rip Kirby"
1967 John Prentice "Rip Kirby"
1968 Alex Kotzky "Apt. 3-G"
1969 Stan Drake "Juliet Jones"
1970 Stan Drake "Juliet Jones"
Frank Robbins "Johnny Hazard" (tied)
1971 John Cullen Murphy "Big Ben Bolt"
and "Prince Valiant"

SYNDICATED PANELS

1956 George Lichty "Grin and Bear It"
1957 Jimmy Hatlo "They'll Do It Every Time"
1958 Bob Barnes "Better Half"
1959 George Lichty "Grin and Bear It"
1960 Jimmy Hatlo "They'll Do It Every Time"
1961 George Clark "The Neighbors"
1962 George Lichty "Grin and Bear It"
1963 Jerry Robinson "Still Life"
1964 George Lichty "Grin and Bear It"
1965 Jim Berry "Berry's World"
1966 Jim Berry "Berry's World"
1967 Bil Keane "Family Circus"
1968 Bob Dunn "They'll Do It Every Time"
1969 Bob Dunn "They'll Do It Every Time"
1970 Jack Tippit "Amy"
1971 Bil Keane "Family Circus"

SPECIAL FEATURES

1965 Jerry Robinson "Fluba and Fluffs"
1966 Hal Foster "Prince Valiant"
1967 Hal Foster "Prince Valiant"
1968 Bruce Stark "Stark Impressions"
1969 Chon Day "Brother Sebastian"
1970 Jim Berry "Berry's World"
1971 Allan Jaffee "MAD Fold-Ins"

SPORT CARTOONS

1957 Willard Mullin
1958 Willard Mullin
1959 Willard Mullin
1960 Willard Mullin
1961 Willard Mullin
1962 Willard Mullin
1963 Lou Darvas
1964 Willard Mullin
1965 Willard Mullin
1966 Bruce Stark

THE SILVER T-SQUARE

Awarded by the Board of Governor to the persons who have shown outstanding service or contributions to the Society or profession:

1948: David Low
1949: Carl Ed, Cliff Sterrett, Bud Fisher, Frank King, George McManus
1950: Harry S. Truman, John Snyder James Barryman, Martin Brannen
1951: Reg Manning
1953: Ed Kuekes
1954: Dwight D. Eisenhower, George M. Humphrey, Herblock
1956: James Thurber, Gluyas Williams, Al Posen, John Pierotti
1957: Harry Hershfield, Tom Little
Milton Caniff, Bob Dunn
1958: Russell Patterson
1959: Carl Rose, Bill Mauldin
1960: Ben Roth, McGowan Miller
1961: Mort Walker, Joe Musial
1962: Ed Waltman
1963: Steve Douglas
1964: Tom Gill, Vernon Greene
1967: Al Smith
1969: Otto Soglow, Irwin Hasen, Dick Ericson
1970: Alfred Andriola
1971: Richard Hodgins, Jr. Frank Fogarty
1972: John Norment, David Pascal, Larry Katzman

THE GOLD T-SQUARE

1955: Rube Goldberg

Note that awards are not necessarily given to members of the profession or NCS members. From 1946 to 1953, the Reuben Award was called the Billy DeBeck Award.

1972 winners were listed in a previous RBCC column.

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Watching Kathy Lee Crosby on the Wonder Women TV Special caused me to ask myself whatever became of Irish (Sheena) McCalla.....

You know the guy is a phoney when he walks into your office, looks at an original oil painting of Adam Strange done for you in 1970 by Don Newton, and then asks you where you got the picture of Flash Gordon from.....

The latest edition of The Spectre will also fail because the whole plot is based upon one facti how and when will the 'Ghostly Guardian' destroy the bad guy in some unorthodox manner.....

Most American fans don't realize how popular Marvel Comics are in Great Britain. That country is now in the midst of its 'golden age of Marvel' and several of the staffers have been assigned to nothing else but recondition the stories to English language, idiomatic expressions and the like.....

In case you're wondering who Marvel's most popular comic character is, it becomes a no contest guess when you add up the number of titles, guest appearances and toys with his picture on it and/or mention in other media. It's Spiderman all the way.....

A series of western books have become very popular in Yugoslavia. They feature some of our folk lore heroes...Wajat Erp (Wyatt Earp), Doc Holidej (Doc Holiday) with titles of their own, and a third big seller is called 'Yry ha Tracni' (Blood on the Salt road Tracks). Trying to pronounce them is tough enough! In case the political solons are wondering when the barometer will register for Colossean relations between our country and France, just let them have the diplomatic corps, advise when the cowboys are the heros and the Indians the villains in the next big movie spectacular made by La Belle France. It's been the other way around for years.....

'We've had dozens of calls about it. We never realized there were so many Doc Savage fans. They were very upset because they thought that we failed to distribute the edition in their area and that their collections would be incomplete. We've rectified the error by putting number 76 out ahead of the intended schedule", said a spokesman for Condor. I contacted them to find out why No. 77 was on the stands before No. 76 was issued. To double their mistake, they credited No. 77 as being the issue of 76. 'The Black Spot' is now on the stands all you 'Man of Bronze' so fear not, you'll miss nothing. You are the winners because they've moved up the distribution schedule by four weeks.....

While culling out some papers the other day, I came across some notes pertaining to several articles I had done before about old time radio. Most of us are familiar with the programs based on comic strips popular during the 30s and 40s; but many may not realize that there were a number of them that never reached the heights of The Green Hornet, his great-uncle The Lone Ranger, Dick Tracy, et al. Among the 'minor leaguers' were the following:

Archie Andrews, first heard over the Mutual network in 1943....Betty Boop Fables, with the cartoon heroine the voiced by Mae Questral who also did Olive Oyl...Challenge of the Yukon, which featured Sgaco (Lone Ranger) Beemer as the last voice in the series for the role of Sgt. Preston. It began its run over ABC in 1947.....Gasoline Alley, Frank King's great strip featured Irma Phillips, the great soap opera writer as the voice of Aunt Blossom....The Gumps began as a local Chicago program in 1934, then branched out via the CBS network. Agnes Moorehead voiced the role of Min Gump and Jackie Kelk (The Aldrich Family) played Chester.....Harold Teen, Carl Ed's comic strip had its debut on August 31st, 1919 from Chicago....Joe Palooka was voiced by Alan (Fred Flintstone) Reed and it too, broadcast from Chicago....Lil Abner came to radio in 1939 over Mutual with Billy De Wolfe (Our Boarding House) Ahern fame who popular during the WW II years on the west coast.....Mandrake The Magician was first heard over the Mutual Network in 1940....On The Webbs, based on Sol Hess' comic strip featured Jane Lockhart.....Rise of the Goof - Segar's Popeye was a radio program as well as a comic strip and movie cartoon. On NBC beginning in 1935, it was sponsored by Wheatena...Ralph Fellers by Gene Byrnes had been a radio strip-comic book gang featured.....George Baker's wartime GI, Sad Sack was on CBS.....Smilin' Jack by Zack Mosely had Frank Readick as the titlist's voice and finally, Russ Westover's Tillie The Toiler and H. T. Webster's Timid Soul also had brief runs as radio programs.

A few other points of little known interest to most readers may be the facts that Danny Thomas, then known by his real name, Amos Jacobs, appeared on the Lone Ranger program in a minor role and Walt Disney did Mickey Mouse's voice on the MM Theater of the Air when heard over NBC starting in 1937.

LOU SULLO, JR., as many of you long time readers of this column know, does my photostat work for the pictorial sections of 'Comic Collector's Showcase'. Lou is the major domo of the duplicating section of my company, so it is not unusual for us to meet many times in the course of the business day. I've finally persuaded him to do a little writing, hence what follows is more or less Lou with carte blanche.....

"I have known Howard Siegel since September, 1972. I first met him sneaking into my duplicating room to make copies of comic books. Since then, my life has changed. I've met the oddest people. Perhaps the oddest of them all is someone whose initials are D.V. To set the record straight, I am not a fan of Barry Smith. I believe he is the worst artist in the business. He crowds as much junk into one panel as he can to cover up his deficiencies. Howard knows this and never fails to remind me in some adverse way. If Smith would only take a lesson from Will Eisner, my choice for the greatest artist of them all.

Where is the Comics Code? I am in on comics such as BPP's Shadow and Weird Adventure covers, and inside a man is shot in the neck and the blood is gushing out the other side, a horse is burning, a villain alive in a grave, a man is turned into glass and then pushed to the floor to shatter into pieces. I'm totally against this sort of thing.

I guess the final grade I have in the space allotted is the business of reprinting. Rather than hash out the details, I'd like to see the covers carry some sort of indication that reprints are in the contents. Prices are much too high for us to be paying for the same stuff now that once cost 1/3 to 1/6 as much."

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Since Lou brought up the subject of reprints in the last part of his writings above, this is a good time to follow up. M.C. Goodwin, fandom's "comic book detective", in answer to a query I posed to him in our exchange of correspondence, had this to say about the copyright expired reprints that are now available to fandom from the RB-CC Shoppe: "While they are worth the $3.00 price, they are in no way equal to the original. A lot of color faded, especially the reds, but I would sum up by saying that if you don't have the original....a real service is being provided fandom by these reprints. A good percentage will never be able to buy the originals, so these are a good way of having the next best thing....."

I'd like to add this point: today's product, the calibre of the artist and writer (superior because of keen competition already having the second hand), improved printing methods, and the introduction of society's rel?evance into the stories makes the first efforts quite primative. For historical value they need no explanation. However, they do magnify the need to appreciate the 'moderns'.

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Every once in a while I get a newspaper clipping in the mail that tells about a college course devoted to comic art. They more or less follow the same pattern. There are exceptions, and one of them is a piece that appeared in March in the Mobile Press Register, submitted courtesy of the Mobile Panelology Association's leader, Steve Barrington. I'd like to take some of the better parts out of context and quote.....

"...at Auburn University this term, students were offered a noncredit course in the history and development of comic books - appropriately called 'comicology'. Believe it or not, there areprofessors as well as students who claim comic books 'have redeeming social value'. "They're really college level magazines with themes on politics, religion, politics and art" says Auburn junior Stuart Henderson of Huntsville, who taught a noncredit course about comic books. When asked about comic books on campus, Prof. Ward S. Allen replied, "I really can't complain because every now and then I pick up one myself". He went on to say, "since the imagination is so dried up today, comic books have a place in keeping alive the function of the imagination'. Nyma Schaffer, a cashier at the college bookstore says that "We're selling them left and right. Many students buy three at a time. Our biggest customers however, are the prof-

essors. They buy five at a time....." Are you getting the message Dr. werthen?

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MAIL DEPARTMENT

Floods of monumental proportion caused so much damage to Queensland, that Australia's 'Mr. Panelologist', JOHN RYAN, found himself replete in boots and skivvies commanding his sales force and office staff as they mopped up Firestorm HQ, and took on other work in getting life back to normal. With that ordeal over, and a bit of an illness now abating, John wrote a few words. By the time his U.S. friends read this, he may well have concluded an investigation which may put a new light on who was the first Australian artist to contribute original work to an American comic book. Meanwhile, I've asked John to lend me some of his original super-hero material for the next installment of our 'Comic of Australia' series.

Thanks to DAVID EVANZET of Warminster, Pa. for the Batman TV clipping. Adam West made it big in European movies after the campy series ended.

When STAN G. BLAIR and I conversed last by phone, he mentioned that my boss, G.B. LOVE had a fire in HQ officer. Quite surprised, I checked with Gordon and got this reply: "Yes, I did have a fire. I lost an entire REGC issue's post-war, and many many comics, but you needn't be concerned.....as it happened TEN YEARS AGO!" Incidentally, Mr. & Mrs. Stan have finally moved back into their home. The damage caused by fire has been repaired and Stan is restoring all his borscht and W.S.A. things and will be perusing our hobby's crooks and cheats in usual fashion by the time this issue is received.

Having read such association titles as "Morpheus" & "Wise-up #6" which DAVID KRUZ was good enough to send me, I can tell you Minnesota area collectors & fans that the MINNESOTA COMICS AND FANTASY ASSOCIATION exists and headquarters at 3712 Holmes Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55409. The monthly newsletter is actually a miniature zine and I was most pleased to learn about this group, so why not join if you live in that part of the country.

I received a letter from PAUL STADINGER of Allentown, Pa. just after RB-CC #108s column was mailed in, so this public reply is somewhat belated. Anyway, in answer to your note in which you state that the average age of today's comic book buyer is still in the thumb sucking category, refer to the extracts of the newspaper report about Auburn U. which appears elsewhere in this column.

Also in the early mail for this issue was a February letter from Flushing's MARK TROST who, in six pages really rapped the N.Y. Creation Con, as did several other writers who attended all three days events. Mark detailed some things which evidently call for the Adam Malin Group to shake the fast buck attitude and concentrate on a money-worth, as advertised Con the next time around. Mark claims that the panel discussions were late, movies of unrelated themes (what does 'The Deadly Dozen' have to do with comic and scifi?) and that there was absolutely no organization by the various committees (if there was such a thing) in respect to keeping the Con moving. I can't comment because my one day at the Con was for the purpose of meeting old friends and seeing if I could pick up some research material (which I couldn't). Mark's letter is available should you like to see it and issue a rebuttal in this column ADAM MALIN.

It was great seeing 'The Mob's' leader, SCOTT FAGUE, who visited New York during a break in the school schedule. He bunked with TONY ISABELLA and managed to drop into my office before heading home to Detroit

Congratulations to the MOBILE FANKLOOGY ASSOC. for having recruited a member of the feminine sex. The young lady's name is MARCIA WIBSON and she hails from Pensacola, Fla. STAN BARRINGTON'S group is growing very fast and the invitation is still open to all people to join regardless of where you live. Again, the address is P.O. Box 1912, Mobile, Ala. 36601.

A letter from DAN VELTRE of No. Arlington, N.J. in which he gives me a brief history of himself and discusses the 'new' fan vs. the 'old' fan. Dan is thinking of starting a group or club, which I'm all for, so if you live in the area, contact him at 30 Bergen Avenue, No. Arlington, N.J. 07032 and get in on the ground floor in establishing something worthwhile.

The March 20th National Central Bureau Confidential Bulletin, which STAN BLAIR was good enough to send me, lists four names that are on the warning alert advisory list.....and guess who it includes? Our old friend Harold Meyerson, who this time has billed an English customer out of some $800.00 and continues on his dishonest way because our Government is too damn stupid to jail him where he belongs and throw away the key.

And another significant point, which should really be given a 'Columnist's Corner' is the revelation that the three top execs of Fandom have agreed to a MCB PUBLISHERS ALLIANCE. If a dealer, seller, buyer, etc. is proven by the MCB to be acting in a fraudulent manner, RB-CC, TBG, The Journal will refuse to carry any more of that person's ads. In this way, a means of preventing innocent people from falling victims will be assured since most of fandom subscribes to at least one of these publications. My personal congratulations to GORDON LOVE, ALAN LIGHT and PAUL KOMTUK for agreeing to this plan.

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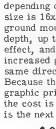

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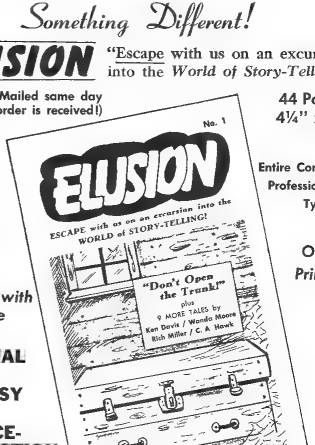

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Latest Comics - #2 Features Bee-29. MM 2.00

Laugh Comics - #38 Good 1.25
- #48 MM 1.00

Leave It to Binky - #10 VG-Fine 1.00

Li'l Abner (Dell-Toby) - #62, 63, 66. All are Good. Each 3.50
- #63, 64. Both are VG. Each 4.00
- #65 Fine 5.50
- #67 VG 3.00

L'il Abner (Harvey-Toby) – #69 VG 3.00, NM 6.00
– #70, 72, 73, 75, 77, 80. All are Mint. Each 4.50
– #74 NM 4.00
– #82 Fine 3.50
– #90 VG 3.00
– #91 Good 2.50
– #95 NM, SPECIAL 3.00

L'il Abner's Dogpatch – #2 Good 2.00
Little Audrey – Color #11 VG 2.75
– Color #387 VG 2.75
Little Giant Detective Comics – #3 Fine 12.00
Little Iodine – #37 Good 1.50
Little Lulu & Tubby at Summer Camp – #2 NM 2.00
– #3 VG 1.50
Little Lulu & Tubby in Alaska – #1 NM 4.50
Little Lulu & Tubby in Hawaii – #29 NM 4.50
Little Lulu & Witch Hazel Trick & Treat – #90 Fine 1.25
Little Mary Mixup – Single Series #26 VG 10.00
Little Miss Muffet – #11, 12. Both are Newsstand Mint. Each 1.75
Little Orphan Annie – Color #12 Good 15.00
– Four Color #76 Good 5.00
– #1 (1941) Good 6.00
– No #? Quaker Puffed Wheat giveaway. 1941 premium comic shows Secret Guard giveaways. VG 15.00, NM 25.00
– No # Popped Wheat giveaway. 1938 material reprinted in 1947. Newsstand Mint, SPIAL 2.50
Lone Ranger (Dell) – #2 Fine 7.50
– #4 NM 7.50
– #5 Fine 6.00
– #8, 9. Both are Fine. Each 5.00
– #10 VG 5.50
– #11 Fine 6.00
– #13, 15, 18, 19, 20. All are VG. Each 3.00
– #14 VG, spine taped with magic tape 1.75
– #16, 17. Both are Fine. Each 4.00
– #28 NM 3.50
– #32 VG 2.00, NM 3.00
– #34, 25, 26, 29, 31. All are NM. Each 3.00
– #26, 27. Both are Fine. Each 2.50
– #30 Fine, spine taped with magic tape 1.75
– #35 VG 2.25
– #36, 37, 38. All are VG. Each 1.50
– #46 NM 2.75
– #31, 36, 41, 46, 48, 49, 50. All are VG. Each 1.50
– #57, 59, 60, 66, 78, 88. All are NM. Each 2.25
– #52, 69, 71, 81, 85, 86, 87, 99. All are Newsstand Mint 2.00
– #54, 55, 56, 60, 64, 68. All are VG. Each 1.50
– Western Treasury #2 NM-Mint 4.00
Lone Ranger's Horse Silver – Color #369 Mint 3.50
Long Bow Indian Boy – #1 Fine 2.25
– #2, 3. Both are Good. Each 1.00
– #3 Mint 2.00
– #6 Fine 1.50
Looney Tunes – #3 Fair-Good 17.50
– #10 VG 12.50
– #11 Fair-Good 6.50
– #21 VG 7.50
– #25, 27. Both are NM. Each 10.00
– #37 VG 5.00
– #39 VG, 2 center pages loose 4.00
– #41, 46. Both are FN. Each 5.00
– #43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50. All are VG. Each 3.75
– #47, 48. Both are Fine. Each 4.50
– #51, 53. Both are VG. Each 3.00
– #51, 52, 53, 54. All are Fine. Each 3.75
– #55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60. All are NM. Each 4.50
– #61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70. All are NM. Each 3.50
– #62, 63. Both are Fine. Each 3.00
– #67, 68, 71, 72. All are VG. Each 2.50

Looney Tunes – #72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80. All are NM. Each 3.50
– #73, 78. Both are VG. Each 2.00
– #84, 87, 92, 94, 95. All are NM. Each 2.00
– #87, 93. Both are VG-Fine. Each 1.25
Loop Dot Dope – Single Series #13 NM 12.50
Lucky Star (A "3" Miniature) – #3 NM 1.75
Mad – #10 NM 12.50
– #11 Wolverton Cover & Art. NM 12.00
– #13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Each 7.75
– #17 VG 6.50, Mint 9.00
Magic Comics – #6 Mint 20.00
– #10 Phantom, small tear on cover along bottom of spine 15.00
– #11, 12, 13, 14, 15. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 17.50
– #16, 17, The Lone Ranger begins, 19, 20. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 15.00
– #18 Good 7.50
– #23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 11.00
– #24 Fair-Good 4.50
– #34, 35, 37, 38, 40. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 9.50
– #41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 8.00
– #41, 47. Both are Fine. Each 4.50
– #42 Mint 10.00
– #51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, 94. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 5.75
– #53 VG 3.00
– #55 NM 5.00
– #76, 81. Both are Fine. Each 2.75
– #81, 88, 96. All are Good. Each 1.75
– #92 Fair 1.50
– #97 Mint 4.00
– #101, 103, 105, 111. All are Good. Each 1.50
– #109, 112, 115, 117, 118. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 4.75
– #110, 118. Both are Fair. Each 1.25
Major Inger – Big 100 page giveaway. Powell Art. Good 1.00, FN 2.00
Man Comics – #1 Good 1.50
Man of War – #1 The Fire-Man, Man of War, The Sentinel & Vapo-Man begin. NM 60.00
March of Comics – #36 Felix the Cat. Fine 3.50
– #40 Andy & Woody. Good 3.00
– #51 Felix the Cat. Newsstand Mint 7.00
– #58 Henry. Newsstand Mint 3.50
March of Crime – #1 100 pages. Mint 4.50
Marvel Mystery – #47 Good 15.00
– #48 Good 15.00
– #49 Mint, small tear top edge front cover 17.50
– #67 NM 17.50
– #87 VG-Fine 8.50
Marvel Tales (Atlas) – #96 NM 2.75
– #138 NM 2.75
Marvels of Science – #1 Fine 1.50, NM 11.75
Mary Marvel – #5 VG 12.50
– #20 Fair 2.50
– #27 Good 2.50
Master – #94, 100. Both are Fair-Good. Each 3.00
– #96, 97. Both are VG. Each 4.50
– #101, 104, 105, 108, 110, 111, 122, 127, 132. All are VG. Each 3.00
– #102 Fine 4.00
– #106 NM 5.00
– #112, 113, 114, 118, 119. All are Fair-Good. Each 2.75
– #116, 121, 123, 130, 131. All are Good. Each 2.50

Master – #117 Mary Marvel Appears. NM 6.00
Mens Adventures – #7 Mint 3.00
– #12, 15. Both are Good. Each 1.50
– #13 VG 1.75
– #15 NM 2.50
Merry-Go-Round – #1 1944 WG-Fine 6.50
Mickey Mouse – Color Four #27 M.M. & The Seven-Leagued Terror. Good 15.00
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– #28 Fair 1.00
Miss Fury – #7 NM 20.00
– #8 Newsstand Mint 25.00
Mr. District Attorney – #5 Fine 2.00
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Monster – #1 Dr. Drew by Grandesetti. Fine 3.00, Newsstand Mint 4.50
– #2 Newsstand Mint 2.50
More Fun – #12 NM, no front cover 20.00
– #18 VG 20.00
– #102 Fine 9.00
– #107 Fair-Good 5.00
– #125 Fine-NM 2.50
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Mutt & Jeff – #12 Good 2.50
– #26, 28. Both are VG. Each 2.00
– #29 Good-VG 1.75
– #38 NM 2.00
Ny Date – #2 SMK Art. VG 1.50
Myra Norh – Color #3 NM 27.50, Mint 30.00
Mysteries of Unexplored Worlds – #9 NM 1.50
Mysterious Adventures – #2 Good 1.00
– #5 Fine 1.50
Mystery Comics – #4 VG 5.00
Mystery Men Comics – #7 Fair-Good 2.00
– #15 Good 1.50
Mystery Men – #8 Mint, no front cover 17.00
– #10 Good, spine neatly taped with magic tape 10.00
– #23 FN-, spine neatly taped with magic tape 13.00
– #26 The Wraith begins. Fine 15.00
National – #1 VG 7.50
– #38 WG-Fine 6.75, NM 8.50
– #48 Mint 10.00
– #49 VG 3.75
– #52 NM 4.50, Mint 5.00
– #53, 54, 55. All are Mint. Each 5.00
– #58 Good 3.00, NM-Mint 4.75
– #59 VG 3.75, NM 4.50
– #58 WW-Mint 4.75
– #59 WG-Fine 4.50, NM 5.00
– #60 Mint 5.00
– #61 Fine 3.25, Mint 5.00
– #62 Fine 3.75
– #63 NM 3.50
– #64 Mint 4.50
– #671, 69. Both are VG. Each 3.00
New Funnies – #72 Newsstand Mint, small crease along center of cover 13.50
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– #95 VG 3.00
– #104, 105 Good 2.00
– #105 Good 1.50
– #117 Fine-NM 2.50
– #121 VG 1.75
– #132, 134, 135. All are Good. Each 1.00
New York World's Fair – #1 1939 Good-VG. 1 panel cut top center last page of Estate story. (Has an ad on the other side). 75.00
Nyoka, The Jungle Girl (Fawcett) – #8, 10. Both are Fine. Each 7.00
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– #16 Fine 4.00
– #17 NM 5.00
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– #24 Good 2.50
– #28 NM 4.00
– #29 Newsstand Mint 5.50
– #30 Mint 6.50
– #31 VG 3.00
– #35 NM 4.00
– #40 VG 2.50
– #75 NM 2.50
– #77 Fine 2.00, Mint 3.00
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Okay Comics – #1 The Captain & The Kids. Newsstand Mint 17.00
Oswald The Rabbit – Four Color #21 Fine, very small piece of magic tape at center of spine 12.00
– Four Color #57 Good 3.50

Oswald the Rabbit - Color #102 VG-Fine 3.50
- Color #143 NM 4.00
- Color #183 VG 2.75, NM 4.00
- Color #273 Good 2.00, Mint 4.00
- Color #315 Fine 1.50

Our Flag - #1 Captain Victory & The Unknown Soldier begin. Good-VG 75.00

Our Gang - #5 Fair-Good 10.00
- #39 VG 5.00
- #43 Fine-NM 3.00
- #58 Good 1.25

Outlaws (Publications 1948) - #1 Mint 2.00

Out of this World - #2 Fine 2.00

Ozzie & Babs - #10 NN 1.25

Panic - #1 Good 5.00
- #2 VG 4.00
- #5 VG 3.50
- #6 Good 2.50, VG 3.00, Fine 4.00
- #7 VG 3.00, Fine 4.00
- #8 Good 2.50, NM 4.50
- #10 Fair 2.00

Pep - #20 Fair-Good 12.50
- #28 VG 15.00
- #30 Captain Commando begins. NM, tiny piece out bottom right corner from cover 17.50
- #41, 46, Both are VG. Each 7.50
- #42 Good 6.00
- #50 Good-VG 6.50
- #52 VG 3.50

Picture Stories from American History (A.C.) - #1 Good 2.50
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Picture Stories from the Bible (D.C.) - #4 Old Testament VG 3.50

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Picture Stories from World History - #1 Good 2.50
- #2 VG 3.00

Pinocchio - Four Color #92 Walt Kelly Art. NM 12.00

Pioneer Picture Stories - #1 Good 3.00
- #2 Fine-NM 3.25
- #4, 5, Both are Fair. Each 1.25
- #7 NM 3.50
- #8 NM-Mint 3.75

Pioneer West Romances - #3 Mint 2.50
- #4 Good 1.50, VG 1.75, NM 2.25, Mint 2.50
- #5 NM 2.25, Mint 2.50
- #6 NM 1.75, Mint 2.00
- #7 Mint 2.00

Planet - #22 Good, coupon out back cover 7.50
- #65 NM 6.50

Plastic Man - #3 VG 25.00
- #47 Good 3.75

Police Comics - #33, 35, 37, 38, All are NM. Each 15.50
- #36 VG 10.00
- #47, 48, Both are NM. Each 10.00
- #49 VG 7.50
- #50 Fine 8.50

Popeye - Color #168 Good-VG 3.50
- #4, 5, Both are Good. Each 2.00
- #6 VG-Fine 2.75
- #13 Mint 3.50
- #28 VG 1.50

Popular Comics - #4 Fine 52.50
- #5 Good 30.00
- #14 Good 20.00
- #15 Fair 15.00
- #26 NM, 2 or 3 doodles pencilled on front cover 25.00
- #27 NM, logo cut from front cover 17.00

Popular Comics - #44 Masked Pilot begins. NM 20.00
- #48 NM 20.00, Newsstand Mint 25.00
- #49 Newsstand Mint, small piece out left edge back cover 17.50
- #53 NM-Mint 16.50, Newsstand Mint 20.00
- #54 VG 12.50
- #68 Fine 12.00, NM-Mint 15.00
- #89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 100. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 12.50
- #101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 114, 115, 117, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 7.75
- #131 VG-Fine 3.75
- #145 Good 3.00

Porky Pig - Four Color #78 F.P. & The Bandit Twins. Good 5.00
- Color #108 Adventure In Gopher Gulch. VG 3.75
- Color #156 F.P. & The Phantom. VG 2.75
- Color #182 F.P. in Ever-Never Land. Fine 3.75
- Color #191 P.P. To the Rescue. VG 2.75 NM 4.50
- Color #226 Spoofy the Spook. VG, spine taped with magic-tape. VG 2.50
- Color #241 P.P., Mighty Hunter. VG 2.25, NM 3.50
- Color #256 Hero of the Wild West. VG 2.50, NM 3.50
- Color #271 Phantom of the Plains. VG 2.50
- Color #277 Desert Adventure. VG 2.25
- Color #291 Greatest Perky. Good 1.50, VG 2.25
- Color #311 Midget Horses of Hidden Valley. NM-Mint 3.00
- Color #342 The Lucky Peppermint Mine. Good 1.00
- Color #351 P.P. & The Grand Canyon Giant. Fine 2.25
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- Color #392 The Lost Gold Mine. Good 1.00
- Color #410 The Water Wizard. NM 20.00

Power - #1 VG, center page loose 1.50, VG 2.00

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Prize - #10 Fair 10.00
- #12 Good 4.00
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- #52 NM 5.00
- #57 Mint, every small nicaes out edge of front cover 3.50

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Pupenhorn - #2 Good 2.00

Raggedy Ann & Andy - #26 VG 2.00

Ranger - Color #255 F.N. 5.50

Rangers - #4 Fine 17.50
- #5 Sky Rangers begin. Good 12.00
- #7 Good 10.00
- #8 Mint, flaking at edges 10.00
- #10 Newsstand Mint, tiny chip out bottom right edge front cover 12.00
- #11 Commando Rangers begins. Newsstand Mint, tiny chip out bottom right edge front cover 12.00
- #13 Commando Ranger begins. Newsstand Mint 17.00
- #16 Fine 9.00
- #31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 6.50

Rangers - #50, 53, Both are VG. Each 3.50
- #54, 56. Both are NM. Each 5.00
- #55 Fair-Good 2.50
- #63, 65, 67. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 5.00
- #64 Good 3.00
- #66 Fine 3.50
- #71, 72, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 4.50
- #93 VG-Fine 3.00
- #96 NM 3.50
- #99, 60, Both are Fine. Each 3.25
- #66, 67 Both are Rangers begin, 68. All are Newsstand Mint. Each 2.50

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- Vol. 7 #4 Krigstein Story. Mint 1.50

Real Fact - #5 Batman, VG, center page cut 5.00
- #6 Good 1.00
- #10 Vigilante appears. Good-VG 2.50

Real Heroes - #1 VG 3.50
- #4, 5, Both are VG. Each 2.25

Real Screen Comics - #29 Good 1.25

Red Band - #2 Origin Boogeyman & Santanas. Good 2.50

Red Circle - #1 The Pra nkster & Red Riot begin. NM 6.00

Red Hoder - #18 Good 6.00
- #20 Good 3.00
- #55 VG 2.00
- #123 Fine 1.25

Redskin - #1 NM 2.50

Rex Allen - Color #316 Fair-Good 2.00

Robin Hood (ME) - I.W. Reprint #9 VG 1.25
- Super Reprint #10 Good 1.00
- Super Reprint #15 Mint 1.75

Rocket Kelly - #3 NM 3.00

Rocky Lane Western - #19 Good 1.50

Roy Rogers - Color #137 Good 3.00
- Color #160 Good 2.00
- Color #166 Fine 3.00
- Color #177 VG 2.50
- #11, 16. Both are VG. Each 1.25
- #14 Fine 1.50
- #35 Fine 1.25

Ralph Snyder Romance - #25 NM, cover loose 4.50
- #27 VG 4.00

Rusty Duggan - #2 (#1) Captain Fearless & Mr. Miracle. NM 6.50

Sad Sack - #4 VG 1.25

Science (First Series) - #7 Lou Fine cover. VG 15.00

Scribbly - #1 Fair 4.00

Sensation - #30 Fine 8.00
- #39 Mint 9.00
- #52, 57. Both are NM. Each 6.00
- #86 Fair-Good 3.00

Seven Dwarfs - Color #327 NM 4.50

Seven Seas - #2 Fine 2.00
- #3 NM 2.50

Shadow - Vol. 5 #10 Fine 4.50

Sheena, Queen of the Jungle - #6, 7, 8. All are Fine. Each 4.50
- #12, 13, 14, 18. All are Fine. Each 3.00
- #11 NM 3.50
- #18 Newsstand Mint 4.50

Showcase - #29 Sea Devils. Fine 1.50

Shock Suspenstories - #18 VG 8.50

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Smash - #49 Good 7.00

Smash - #95 VG, center page loose 6.00
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- #84 Mint 6.00

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- #7 Fine 2.50
- #9 Good 1.50
- #9 NM 3.00

Smokey Stover - Four Color #7 Mint, logo cut from cover 10.00, VG 15.00
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Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs - Four Color #49 NM 13.00
- Color #87 Good-Mint 3.50

Space Adventures - #4 NM-Mint 2.25

Sparkler Comics - Both are Fine. Each 1.50
- #5 NM-Mint 2.25
- #7 Good-VG 1.00
- #8 Mint 2.50

Sparkle Plenty - Color #235 Fine 9.50

Sparkler (First Series) - #1 Jun Hardy. Mint 20.00

Sparkler (Second Series) - #1 Origin Sparkman; Tarzan begins. VG 65.00
- #2 Fine 32.00
- #4 VG-Fine 22.00
- #6 Newsstand Mint 25.00
- #16 Good 10.00
- #38 Good 5.50, VG 6.50
- #45 NM, small piece out top edge back cover 5.00
- #69 Fine 5.00
- #72, 79, Both are Good. Each 2.50
- #75 VG 2.50
- #81 VG 2.25
- #85, 87, 88. All are Fine. Each 2.50
- #89 NM 3.00
- #92 Newsstand Mint 3.50
- #94, NM-Mint 2.25
- #95 Good 1.50
- #95, 100. Both are Mint. Each 3.00
- #99, 116. Both are NM. Each 2.50
- #102 VG 1.75, NM 2.50
- #105, 106. Both are VG. Each 1.75
- #114 Good 1.50
- #116 Fine 2.00

Sparkling Stars - #5, 6, 8. All are Mint. Each 4.50
- #8 Good 2.50
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Sport Skara - #2 Baseball Greats. VG 1.50
Spy Hunters - #5 Fine 1.00
Star Spangled - #78 VG, piece out lower right corner front cover 3.75
- #80, 93, 94 Both are VG. Each 3.75
- #88 Good-VG 3.50
- #93 Good 2.50
- #95 VG 3.75
Star-Studded - (Superior Publishers) No # 1945 196 pages. The Cadet, Edison Bell, Noot Gibson, Jungle Lil. VG 7.50
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Straight Arrow - #8, 9, Both are VG-Fine. Each 2.25
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Strange As It Seems - Single Series #9 Fine 7.50, #8 VG 5.00
Strange Tales - #76, 78. Both are Fine. Each 2.25
- #80 NM 5.00
- #104 VG 2.75
- #107 Fine 2.25
Strange Terrors - #1 VG 1.75
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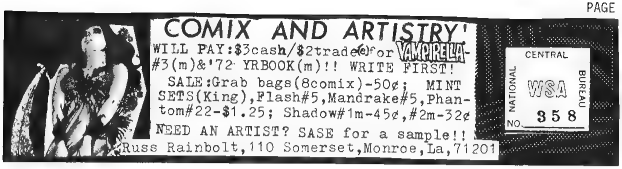

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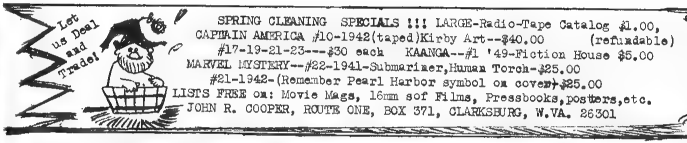
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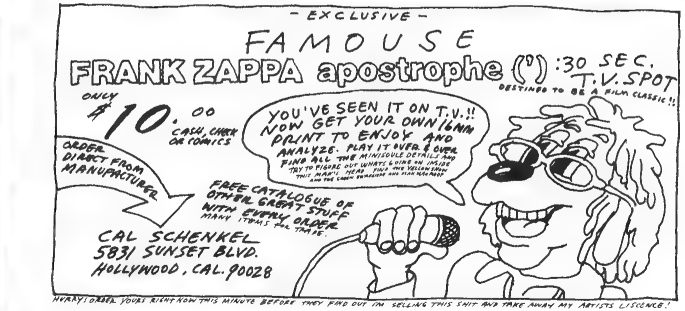
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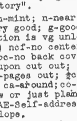

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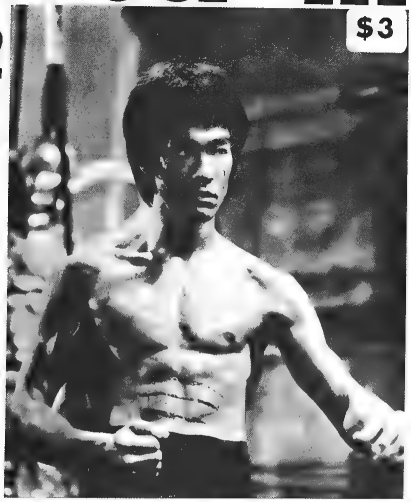

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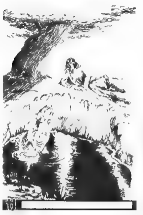

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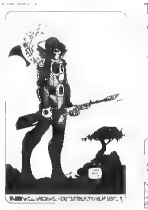

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A retrospective art show will feature the world of the brilliant Winsor McCay, who combined the elements of fantasy and poetry and the talent of a genius into the fabulous *Little Nemo* strip. *Nemo* has been shown in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and now here.

Vaughn Bodé will present a new version of his intriguing and wildly appreciated Cartoon Concert. Don't miss a minute!

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Concentrated in one area will be the highlight work of Mike Kaluta, Jeff Jones, and Berni Wrightson—one of the most popular features at last year's Convention!

An auction a day will keep restlessness away. Some bombs and some beauties will be up for bids, as usual.

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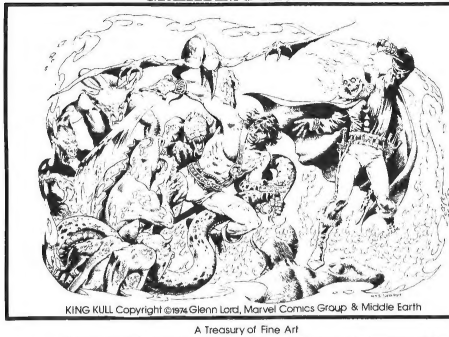

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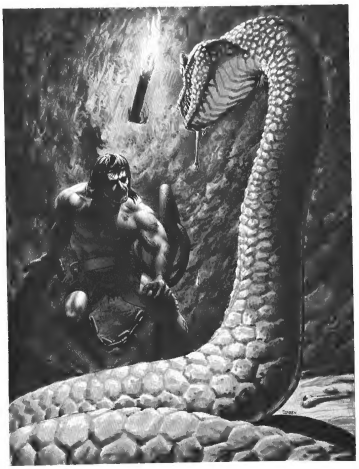

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